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Primate calls on nation to renew sense of purpose

e Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, nched a campaign yesterday to try to turn the ion's attentions away from purely material- c solutions to its difficulties and towards an ort to renew in people a sense of moral rpose. Rejecting the common belief that indivi- als are powerless, he said: "Each man and man is needed if the drift towards chaos is to p."

'Materialism offers no solution'

Clifford Longley
igious Affairs Correspon- t

he Archbishop of Canter- y, Dr Coggan, announced start of a campaign yester- to rekindle a sense of *ral purpose in the nation.*

at a press conference at nbeth Palace, he said the ional debate should be *ed into the moral sphere:* re were moral and spiritual ues at stake.

I also want to encourage enormous number of peo- in Britain who want a bet- country", he said, "and o are saddened by the low el to which we have fallen. t they have got no spokes- n. It is the extremists who d to receive the publicity, l often they win the round. at I am attempting is to engthen this group of ponsible people."

He asked people to write to s at Lambeth Palace, with ividual or collective swers to the questions: What sort of society do we nt?" and "What sort of ople do we need to be in ler to *create it?*"

In return, he will send cards aring a prayer for the ation: "God bless our nation. ide our leaders. Give us ur power, that we may live eerfully, care for each other, d be just in all that we do."

Dr Coggan's campaign will lude seven radio and televi- n appearances in the next days and will culminate in reading in all Anglican ish churches next Sunday a joint pastoral letter from Coggan and the Archbishop York, the Most Rev Stuart nch.

campaign was also nched in Scotland yesterday the three main churches, Church of Scotland, the scopal Church in Scotland, the Roman Catholics. At a ss conference in Glasgow y issued a statement which more specific than Dr gan's in naming the ills etting society: unemploy- t, inflation, social violince, "some aspects" of the missive society.

lergy of all three denomi- ons are to preach during next few weeks on the social and economic difficulties facing the nation. Their joint campaign had been under discussion for some time, the three churches said, and "happily coincided" with Dr Coggan's initiative in London.

Asked about the lack of support from other churches in England, Dr Coggan said that he and the Archbishop of York considered the problem too *urgent to wait for the time-consuming* consultations that would have been necessary. He was confident, however, that he had behind him the good will of other church leaders.

The pastoral letter calls upon "all Christian people" to pray, "steadily, persistently, and intelligently", for the nation; to think seriously about the two questions Dr Coggan posed at the press conference; to work with others "to influence society in a positive and helpful way"; and to "live out the faith we profess, that God reigns, and that God cares".

In his statement yesterday Dr Coggan said he wanted to speak to all those concerned with the welfare of the nation "at a time when many thoughtful people feel that we are drifting towards chaos". Many people had realized that a *materialistic answer was no answer at all, and that moral and spiritual values were at stake.*

"The truth is that we in Britain are without anchors", he added. "We are drifting. A common enemy in two world wars drew us together in united action, and we defeated him. Another enemy is at the gates today, and too many of us keep silence."

It was believed that the *individual was powerless, but that* was a lie. "Each man and woman counts. Your vote counts. You count. Each man and woman is needed if the drift towards chaos is to stop. Your country needs you."

The best way to cut at the roots of a healthy society was to undermine the family. "Give us strong, happy, disciplined families, and we shall be well on the way to a strong *nation.... The family matters,*

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Compromise hint in 'free press' debate

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for *Employment, appeared last* night to be moving some way towards a compromise with the Manifesto Group of Labour MPs, who feel that some further safeguard for the freedom of the press and the rights of editors should be written into the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.

With all sides in the Commons proclaiming unswerving support for press freedom, the struggle over the amendment to the Bill made in the Lords centred on the issue whether statutory protection should be given to that hallowed *principle.*

But, as Mr Barney Hayhoe, leading from the Conservative front bench, pointed out, Parliament was being asked to choose between two different and important principles: the sanctity of the closed shop and the *sanctity of a free press.* He did not believe that a charter for press freedom without any statutory back-up powers was a sufficient defence on that vital issue.

Nor did he think much of the semantic struggle being waged between the Manifesto Group and the Secretary of State. He predicted that at the end of the day Mr Foot would make a grand concessionary gesture "and sweep all the boys" into *the division lobby behind him.*

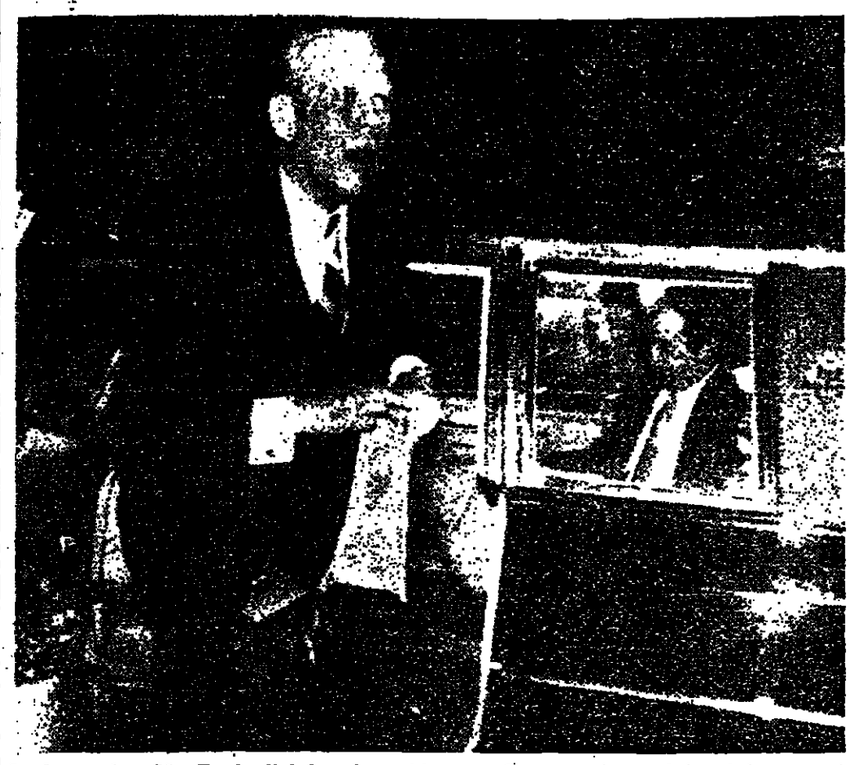
Mr Foot made clear that his main objection to the Bill as it stood, with Lord Goodman's Lords' amendment included, was his passionate opposition to *the introduction of legislation* into trade union affairs. Pointing out that he had been a member of the National Union of Journalists for more than 40 years, he told MPs that he was strongly prejudiced in favour of press freedom. The Government was not approaching the *issue in a way that would harm* that freedom.

The more it looked at the issue the more the Government came to the conclusion that it would be most unwise in the newspaper industry, as elsewhere, to try to solve industrial relations difficulties by recourse to the law. Mr Foot agreed with the initiative taken by the NUJ that instead of Parliament laying down the law on those intricate issues they should be *left for settlement to the* industry itself. Lord Goodman's amendment could not be accepted by any government that was concerned about the proper management of industrial relations.

Mr Foot said it was foolish of the 1971 Industrial Relations Act to try to impose upon industry the idea that closed shops could be banned. The Government was opposed to the use of legal sanctions in those matters but he believed that there were considerable dangers in the Bill as it had been returned from the Lords.

Apology

We apologize to all readers, *advertisers, and others who* were frustrated in their attempts to telephone Times Newspapers Limited yesterday, when the switchboard was closed by unofficial industrial action by Natsopa clerical staff.



Lucky again: Mr Ford alighting from his car after escaping uninjured in a crash

Mr Ford unscathed in car crash

From Fred Emery
Washington, Oct 15

President Ford escaped injury in a car accident last night in which his armoured limousine was rammed from the side by a car full of teenagers. The incident occurred at an unguarded crossroads near the city centre in Hartford, Connecticut.

No charge has been preferred *against Mr James Salamites, the* 19-year-old driver, who claimed to have proceeded on a green traffic light, while the President's police-escorted convoy went through on red. The driver voluntarily submitted to a police blood test.

This was the third time in six *weeks that Mr Ford has re*turned home safely after a close shave— the other two occasions being the alleged attempted assassinations in California.

In view of the extraordinary security measures now undertaken for each of Mr Ford's many trips, it seems almost inexplicable that a crossroads could have been left open on the President's route.

A Hartford police spokesman was quoted as saying that the city force did not have the "resources" to guard more than two of the five crossroads between the building where the President delivered the speech and the entrance to the airport motorway.

That instant explanation was exploded today by the Hartford assistant police chief. He admitted a mistake, saying that *the standard practice of police* motorcyclists "leapfrogging" each other to keep crossroads closed had not been properly observed. At this crossroads, a single police motorcyclist had left his blocking position before the President's convoy had passed through, he said.

From the damage to the cars —even the presidential armour and chrome was dented—it is clear that Mr Ford again had a great deal of luck. Mr Frederick Biebel, one of his travelling companions, who is Connecticut's Republican chairman, sustained a broken finger. He was sitting on the opposite side of the car to Mr Ford.

By all accounts, Mr Ford saw the crash coming from the right, the side he was sitting, and shouted "be careful", and braced himself. The Secret Service driver swerved to the left, lessening somewhat the force of the impact.

Immediately the cars stopped, Secret Servicemen burst from the accompanying cars with pistols drawn and surrounded the teenagers' car. The President's car was stopped only for *some 30 seconds before speed*ing off to the airport.

The incident is seen certain to bring new demands that Mr Ford, who was addressing a Republican fund raising dinner, should reduce his travels. Mr Ford, who is certainly accident prone, is hardly likely to pay much attention. Only last week he commented that it was safer mingling with crowds than travelling in his car; the two now share an equal rating.

Mr Brezhnev puts off Giscard meeting at the last moment

Moscow, Oct 15.—Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party chief, today called off talks he was to have held with President Giscard d'Estaing of France. Then he failed to join the President at a Kremlin concert in the visitor's honour.

The two developments caused *immediate speculation about* Mr Brezhnev's health, although he looked well when he met M Giscard d'Estaing after the President flew to Moscow *yesterday for a five-day stay.*

Another possible explanation for the Kremlin leader's absence today, some observers said, was the continued presence in Moscow of two senior Syrian ministers who arrived last week with President Assad.

In spite of the postponement *of today's talks both French* and Soviet officials had indicated that they expected Mr Brezhnev to attend the concert.

Instead, only President Podgorny and Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, were with the *President in the official box at* the Kremlin Palace of Congresses, where French and Soviet flags flanked the stage.

Mr Brezhnev normally attends such functions with important foreign visitors, but he has often left Mr Kosygin or Mr Podgorny to act as host.

Earlier President Giscard d'Estaing confirmed that it was his Soviet host who requested the postponement when he said, he had agreed to the highly unusual change of programme "for the sake of accommodation".

But neither side would give details of the reasons for the change, regarded by experienced observers in Moscow as an exceptional departure from established routine on an important state visit.

Although there were the expected indications of differences on ways to preserve European détente in yesterday's opening round of talks, they *were seen as scarcely deep* enough to warrant postponing today's discussions until Friday.

The sudden change of plans became known only when the French Embassy received a signal this morning from an aircraft carrying M Giscard d'Estaing back from a visit to Tolstoy's home about 120 miles south of Moscow.

The President, who appeared before French television cameras in a cordoned-off Red Square outside *the Kremlin* this afternoon, gave the impression that the talks had been progressing well.

Asked about the disruption of the programme, he said: "It is purely for the sake of accommodation that I agreed to modify the schedule, and this changes neither the length nor the substance of my visit".

Edmund Stevens writes from Moscow: A French delegation spokesman later assured correspondents that *no political* motive was involved in postponement of the talks.

The implication was that the texts of documents to be signed *required further attention in* phrasing and translation, especially the agreement on cooperation in aviation and aeronautics, seen by most people as the most important of all.

M Giscard d'Estaing used the free afternoon to visit the Borodino battlefield where Napoleon paid such a high price for his victory.

No serious friction appears to have arisen at the Kremlin dinner yesterday by Mr Brezhnev's insistence that detente would not bring any let-up in the struggle of ideas, and M Giscard d'Estaing's rejoiner that détente should apply to ideological rivalry as well as to armaments.

It was actually a kind of replay for the mimeographed text of M Giscard d'Estaing's speech was issued hours before the dinner and Mr Brezhnev framed his remark knowing what the answer would be.

The scene seems prepared for putting the formal seal on expansion of Franco-Soviet cooperation in a wide field. The postponed meeting is arranged for Friday, after the President returns from a visit to Kiev. By then all the documents should be ready for signing.

One Franco-Soviet agreement was finally signed today, the contract for construction of an 1,800-room four-star hotel in Moscow by a French consortium.

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Way open to talks with Irish kidnappers

From Christopher Walker
Dublin

The attempts to communicate with the kidnappers of Dr Tiede Herrema have succeeded after 13 days in which the only form of communication has been two tape-recorded messages reiterating the original demand for the immediate release of three prisoners.

It is understood that the new mediator, Mr Philip Flynn, an Irish trade union official, has established a method of exchanging messages with the kidnappers through a so far unidentified republican sympathizer.

Journalists yesterday heard a recording made by the kidnapped Dutch industrialist on *Monday. It was played in the* offices of the Irish local government and public services' union, of which Mr Flynn, a member of Provisional Sinn Fein, is deputy general secretary.

On the recording, Dr Herrema's strained voice can be heard saying: "If you ask for proof that I am alive again, they threaten to cut my foot off and send it to you."

Dr Herrema, who seemed to be reading from a script prepared by his kidnappers, who claim to be members of an unknown group called the Irish Liberation Organization, says at one point: "Mentally and physically I have suffered already. Please do not put my life in further danger by looking for me.

"I have been told that should the secret police find out where I am being kept there will be a fight, and they say they would not give the Irish Government *the satisfaction of getting me* back alive unless the demands are met".

The demands are for the immediate release from jail of Miss Rose Dugdale and two senior Provisionals, Mr Kevin Mallon and Mr Jim Hyland.

Dr Herrema concluded his message: "Please ask International Red Cross and Akzo (his Dutch employers) to put open pressure on the Irish Government for my release. Please help me . . . Love to my family".

Both the Irish and Dutch Red Cross organizations responded by imploring the kidnappers to release Dr Herrema immediately. A similar appeal was made over Irish television by Mr Felix van Raalte, the Netherlands Ambassador

By last night there was still no sign of a way out of the present deadlock. The Irish Government remains determined that no political concessions *shall be made.*

Behind the scenes there has been much diplomatic activity, although it is understood that the Dutch Government agrees with the refusal to release the prisoners. Yesterday Mr van Raalte met Dr FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister. The meeting followed a brief trip by the ambassador to The Hague

A senior Dutch diplomat told me: "This whole affair is like playing chess against an invisible partner. There is nothing that we or anyone else can do but wait for the kidnappers to make another move, and in the meantime try to assess from what little we know their motives and plans."

There were signs during the day of tension building up between the Irish Government and the mediator, Mr Flynn, who yesterday accused the government of hindering attempts to save Dr Herrema's life. He alleged that they would *welcome the death of the Dutch* industrialist as an excuse to introduce new repressive legislation.

The suggestion was dismissed as "outrageous" by Mr Cooney, Minister for Justice.

Inquiry into MPs theft allegation

By Our Political Staff

Two senior police officers interviewed Mr Paul Rose, Labour MP for Manchester, Blackley, yesterday after his allegations that sympathizers of the illegal Rhodesian Government were responsible for two of the eight burglaries mentioned by Mr Wilson on Tuesday.

Mr Rose said afterwards that he did not know any of those involved, and that his allegations were based on information he had received from sources he regarded as reliable. He said he had his own files on *right-wing organizations.*

Two of the burglaries, in 1966 and 1968, occurred just before the talks between Mr Wilson and Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, in *HMS* Tiger and HMS Fearless.

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ecy surrounding the Chancellor's ual Budget preparations is likely to eased as a result of radical changes in ocial planning to be proposed by the ernment. The proposals, designed to ove budgetary efficiency and the agement of national resources, have dy been agreed by government sters and are to be put to CBI and representatives on November 5. It oped that the proposals to be emed in a new strategy for helping stry will raise confidence in Treasury ning

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octors' pay dispute

unior doctors in 25 out of 30 hospitals orth-west England refused to handle cases except emergencies yesterday use of their pay dispute, their leader five million people in the region t suffer if there was no quick solu- to the difficulty

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l authorities expect to spend £11,226m rates and grants this year, about 0m more than was budgeted for, it disclosed today. *The new figures,* h allow for inflation, show that the st spending increases are for ing, personal social services and ic transport

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rip men not guilty

club owners who engaged male pers for women's parties were found guilty of keeping a disorderly house, ournemouth Crown Court

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UN report describes Chilean torture

Evidence of torture in Chile has been given in a report to the United Nations. The methods of torture and the names of some of the alleged torturers were detailed in the report, by a working group of representatives of Pakistan, Ecuador, Senegal, Austria and Sierra Leone. They were refused entry to Chile and gathered their evidence from questioning exiles.

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EEC lorry clash

Dr Gilbert, the Minister for Transport, told his EEC colleagues in Luxembourg yesterday that it would be impossible for Britain to adopt a standard eight-hour shift for lorry drivers by the end of the year, as required by Community rules. He was supported by his Irish and Danish colleagues. They called for a delay of two years

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Military crisis ends

Mutinous Portuguese troops ended their occupation of a military base in *Oporto* after a compromise agreement with General Carlos Fabiao, the Army Chief of Staff. The agreement was considered a defeat for the Government which had demanded a restoration of military discipline

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Constitutional crisis

Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, faces a constitutional crisis after a decision taken yesterday by the Opposition parties to reject the Budget in the Senate in order to force an early election. The Government intends to serve its full term

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Why accountant left

A chartered accountant told the committal hearing against Mr John Stonehouse yesterday that he resigned from one of the MP's companies because he was unhappy about loans and concerned about the solvency of the company

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Two hippos and a rhino see the Burtons reunited

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Oct 15

Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor *have remarried in a* village deep in the Botswana bush. The ceremony took place last Friday at Kasane, near Chobe game park, close to the Rhodesian border.

But news, it seems, travels slowly in that remote part of the world, and it was not until today that the anxiously waiting millions were informed that show business's most celebrated couple had been formally reunited as man and wife.

If the wedding lacked the razzamatazz that accompanied their previous marriage, it was nothing if not unconventional. The ceremony was performed *by Mr Ambrose Masalila, the* local district commissioner. Only two witnesses were present; Mr Fred Knoessen, manager of the Chobe Game Lodge where the couple had been enjoying a pre-marital honeymoon, and Mr Brian Graham, who runs tours from the lodge.

After the wedding ceremony, the party drove to the banks of the Chobe river, at a spot known as Serandela, where they drank champagne under the *quizzical gaze of a couple of* hippopotami. A camera-shy rhinoceros observed the proceedings from a safe distance.

According to Mr Masalila the couple were "very excited but composed". The bride wore a green dress edged with lace from which were hung guinea *fowl feathers. The groom* looked dashing but casual in red open-necked shirt, white trousers, red socks and white shoes. [According to a Reuter report, Mr Masalila said afterwards: "They told me it was traditional Welsh dress."]

The 20-minute ceremony began with Mr Masalila asking them whether they appreciated the consequences of the marriage. When they said they did, he asked each in turn whether they took the other to be their spouse. Then, holding hands, they exchanged rings and Mr Masalila pronounced them man and wife—*again.*

Why did they choose to remarry in Chobe which is inhabited mainly by elephants, buffalos and baboons? Mr Masalila said it was because they had fallen in love with the place.

Mr Burton and Miss Taylor arrived in South Africa at the end of September, ostensibly to attend a charity celebrity tennis tournament. Their passage through the southern part of *the continent has been watched* with a mixture or horror and fascination by South Africans who are unaccustomed to such spectacles.

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Two Kenya MPs arrested

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Oct 15

Mr Jean-Marie Seroney, the Deputy Speaker, and Mr Martin Shikuku, a backbench MP, were arrested in the Parliament buildings in Nairobi tonight.

Mr Shikuku had said in Parliament last week that the Kenya African National Union (Kanu), the ruling party, was dead. Mr Seroney, who was then in the chair, declined to call on him to substantiate the remark, saying that a member could not be required to substantiate the obvious.

Frontbench members walked out leaving the House without a quorum twice last week.

The affair had been building up into a political crisis with Mr Shikuku and Mr Seroney being attacked by government *and party leaders. Both had, in* fact, established reputations as "young Turks", particularly since the unsolved murder early this year of Mr J. M. Kariuki, the popular and vocal MP.

Their arrests, never the less, came as a shock. So far there has been no announcement from the Government.



HOME NEWS

Council spending in excess of budgets forecast for this year

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Local authorities in England and Wales expect to spend a total of £11,226m from rates and grants during the financial year 1975-76, according to figures published yesterday by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

If that forecast is accurate, local government will by the end of the year have overspent by a small percentage on the agreed budgets.

The figure is made up of government grants amounting to £7,295m (65 per cent), rates providing £3,876m (35 per cent) and £55m from balances.

When the Government and local authority associations agreed last November on the level of expenditure for 1975-76, the total was £8,100m. That took no account of inflation, which is provided for in the estimates now published, and did not include certain specific grants, for example for the police and for some housing expenditure.

Even so, it is believed that local government spending may be about 2 per cent over budgets in education, and up to 5 per cent in other services. Local authorities may, however, have overestimated spending, or inflation, to be on the safe side.

The figures compiled by the institute show that education continues to make by far the largest demand on rates and grants, forming 44.7 per cent of total spending (47 per cent in 1974-75). The largest increases are in housing, up 63 per cent, after a 67 per cent increase last year; in personal social services, up 43 per cent, and in support for passenger transport undertakings, increased from £45m to £156m.

The total is made up of £9,490m based on November, 1974, prices, plus £1,736m to cover later known increases in costs and to allow for inflation.

The equivalent base figure last year was £6,983m at November, 1973, prices, which gives an increase of 36 per cent in local government spending.

The institute states that the increase in average rate poundages this year ranges from 21 per cent in the metropolitan districts to 44 per cent in London, and that for individual authorities between 5 per cent and 60 per cent.

For domestic ratepayers, the increase this year was 20 per cent in the non-metropolitan districts, 22 per cent in metropolitan districts, 45 per cent in London, and 56 per cent in Wales (caused by a smaller increase in domestic relief).

Return of Rates (CIPFA, 1 Buckingham Place, London, SW1. £3).

£200,000 a year to help British film industry

By Our Political Staff

New finance for the British film industry, which is expected to be about £200,000 a year, is provided by the Cinematograph Films Bill, published by the Government yesterday. It will be used to finance by loans the writing of film scripts and pre-production projects.

The Cinematograph Films Council has recommended that £55,000 should be set aside each year from the British Film Fund for the first purpose, and £145,000 for the second. The new government aid will go into a new fund probably to be called the National Film Development Fund, and no loan for any one project will exceed £10,000. Loans will be repayable when projects actually go into production.

The Government hopes that the new fund, which will be administered by the National Film Finance Corporation, will provide useful assistance to the industry in the period before the recommendations of the working party, recently set up by the Prime Minister, can be received and considered.

Because it is non-controversial, the Government expects the Bill to be passed by both Houses in the two weeks remaining of the present session.

The judge's question that recalled Bateman cartoons

By Marcel Berlins

The sight of scurrying lawyers in disarray brightened the usually staid and gloomy halls of the Law Courts in the Strand yesterday. Panic ensued when a judge asked a simple question to which no one could provide a simple answer.

Like figures in a Bateman cartoon, barristers, solicitors, clerks and court officials in the Queen's Bench stared aghast as Mr Justice Caulfied asked where it was stated that he could imprison a person for contempt of court.

That had never happened before. Countless judges had over the centuries committed countless thousands of unfortunate contemnors to prison. None had ever asked whence their power to do so originated.

No one in court knew the answer. None of the books consulted provided it. Even Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, a former Attorney General, who happened to be outside the court, was called in and confessed that he did not have the matter at his fingertips. Embarrassed counsel asked for an adjournment.

Excitement mounted at the possibility that over the years thousands of people had been wrongfully imprisoned. But it was not to be. A relieved counsel announced he had found the answer: that from time immemorial judges had "an inherent power" to commit to prison for contempt of court. Mr Justice Caulfield was satisfied.

But, no doubt affected by the day's excitement, he allowed the committal order against a man for disregarding a court order not to molest the woman he had been living with to be suspended for seven days. At the end of that time he would decide whether the man should go to jail.

Attack on 'irrelevant' modern car designs

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

The Duke of Gloucester delivered a strong attack on car designers when he opened the London Motor Show at Earls Court yesterday.

Addressing himself to manufacturers, he said: "The fuel crisis, which has caused you all so many headaches, may be a cloud with a silvery lining if it puts an end to the irrelevance of so much of your traditional car styling, and forces you to make cars that are relevant to the way we actually travel and does away with those monsters that would seem to have come from your sales department rather than your engineers.

"I know you are a very conservative industry but when there is so much at stake I believe that the public expects from you cars demonstrably better than the ones we see every day on the roads."

The attendance on the first day of the show was a quarter higher than last year, and the show organizers hope that there will be more than half a million visitors for the first time since 1971. Last year nearly 427,000 people were admitted during the 11 days of the show.

The millionth Mark III Ford Cortina is due off the assembly line at Dagenham next Tuesday, the company announced yesterday. The model was introduced in October, 1970, and has been the best-selling car in Britain for four years.

Approach to Government on railways

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Leaders of the railway unions and the British Railways Board are to seek detail of plans for the industry in an unprecedented joint approach to the Government. Both sides will meet Mr Gilbert, Minister for Transport, on October 30, when they hope Government will at last disclose its intentions.

The National Union of Railwaymen said yesterday: "We expect that the answers we get will be unpalatable. The Government may play down the railways in favour of road transport, which we would oppose, but at least we may now be told what is planned."

The three rail unions and the railways board will tell the minister that they have agreed on staff mobility, voluntary redundancies, cuts in overtime working, and an end to recruitment, all of which are aimed at achieving short-term economies. But the unions have refused to accept compulsory redundancies.

They are opposing plans by the board to save up to £150m a year by reducing services, and will use their "full political and industrial strength" to that end, one union official said. Cuts in services clearly imply reductions in manpower.

The board is concerned about the disruptive effect of policy changes forced on it by governments.

The combined approach of the unions and the board is unprecedented, despite union pressure in the past for joint talks with the Government. The latest issue of the NUR journal says: "For the first time in railway history the management and employees are united to fight for the future of the industry."



Squatters helping to remove barricades in Elgin Avenue, Paddington, before leaving

Paddington squatters go quietly

By Robert Parker

There were angry scenes yesterday outside a flat allocated to one of the 17 families among 200 squatters peacefully evicted from a row of terraced houses in Elgin Avenue, Paddington, London.

Residents of Lambrook Terrace, Fulham, gathered in groups in the afternoon to complain about the queue-jumping of housing lists after a young couple, with a child aged 20 months, and another expected, had been moved into a two-bedroom flat by the Greater London Council.

The council, which won a High Court action against the squatters last week for possession of properties in Elgin Avenue, where the GLC plans to build 154 new flats, had agreed to squatters' demands to provide alternative accommodation.

All the families are being given rented flats in north and west London, which, the council says, have been continually rejected by people on the housing lists. Single people and couples without children have been moved to short-life housing in parts of Camberwell and Peckham in south London.

But in Lambrook Terrace residents said the flat given to the couple had only just been decorated and that no one had been to see it.

The couple who were moved into the flat were "over the moon" about their new home after living for nine months in a room at Elgin Avenue. The husband, a counter clerk at a post office in Paddington, moved from Glasgow to London three years ago in search of work. He could not find a flat, and moved to the Isle of Wight, where he worked on a farm. He was evicted from a tied cottage.

The wife said she hoped there would not be too much hostility from their new neighbours. A council official appealed to local residents to give the couple a chance. "I deeply regret any hostility shown to any family before anyone has seen them", he said.

The flat was inspected by the squatters early yesterday morning. It having proved satisfactory, the eviction at Elgin Avenue went ahead watched by a crowd mainly hostile to the squatters.

Mr Michael Harris, the under-sheriff, whose job it was to carry out the High Court order, arrived at Elgin Avenue at 11 am with three policemen. He agreed to a request from Mr Piers Corbyn, the squatters' leader, await the result of the flat inspection before starting the eviction.

At one stage Mr Corbyn was punched in the mouth by a squatter who was not satisfied with getting short-life housing.

Earlier there were fears that the eviction would end in violent confrontation with the police, after the squatters had barricaded themselves in. Some of them seemed sad to leave.

Bakers want to charge more for bread despite measures to keep prices stable

By Hugh Clayton

Bakers want to charge more for their bread before Christmas even though two ministers announced measures yesterday that were designed to keep prices stable. The largest bread-making companies in the country intend to apply to the Price Commission early next month for a rise in December to cover the cost of a recent wage award.

Mrs Williams, Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, gave clearance yesterday for RHM, the largest bread company in the country, to pack Mothers Pride loaves in plastic bags instead of waxed paper. The company said that the new packing would be cheaper than the old.

Mrs Williams had asked for the change to be delayed so that her officials could see if it was within the rules for limiting prices and profits of food processors.

Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday that the effects of the latest EEC changes in farm prices would be postponed for wheat until July next year. "That will defer any effect on the price of bread", he said. He was reporting to MPs about the change in the "green pound" mechanism for converting EEC farm prices into sterling.

He said the package would be worth £90m a year to British farmers after taking into account its effect on feed costs. More than half the money would go to milk producers, and there would be scope for a further increase for them early next year.

The resulting increase in the target price of beef will be postponed until next January to avoid any incentive to sell meat into intervention and produce a British "beef mountain". Growers of sugar beet will receive an extra 81p a ton for their crop later this month, bringing its price to £13.92 a ton. That rise will not affect shop prices of sugar.

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, said after a meeting with the heads of other farming unions that he acknowledged the changes secured by Mr Peart. "I hope this goes some way towards stopping the rot, but it does not go far enough".

He said in a long and curiously mured statement, which contained no outright condemnation of the latest measures: "The unions argued strongly for reinforcing the action over the 'green pound' by bringing transition to an end, especially for those commodities where our costs were already at or beyond Community levels.

"The fact that this is the fourth change since October, 1974, demonstrates the unending battle the farming unions have had to fight against the injustice of fixing farm prices by reference to an artificially overvalued pound while the real pound has floated downwards."

The rises to be paid to dairy farmers were not clear. Sir Henry said: "I think there is a lot of confusion in the minds of producers about what they are going to get." The Milk Marketing Board said the award would be worth 0.9p a gallon over a year, 2.32p between November, 1975, and March, 1976, and 1.99p between October and March.

Self-employed 'may not pay new levy'

By Diana Geddes

If the Government does not grant tax relief to the self-employed on the new 8 per cent national health insurance levy, which falls due on January 1, the National Federation of Self-Employed will advise its 43,000 members to withhold their contributions.

That was one of several measures announced by the federation at a press conference in London yesterday to launch a £15,000 recruitment campaign.

Determination and confidence were evident among the officials of the federation, which has recently been troubled by internal dissension.

Of the six former national officers only one, Mr Jim Waters, a vice-president and trustee, survives, and he was unable to attend yesterday's conference. The chairman of the meeting was Mr David Kelly, aged 32, an antique dealer and the federation's regional chairman for West and South Yorkshire.

Mr Keith Shouls, the chief executive officer, was dismissed last month, and the resignations have been accepted of the president, secretary, treasurer, and a vice-president.

Mr Keith Allen, aged 38, a company director in the clothing trade and regional chairman for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, has been appointed acting chief executive. The federation hopes to be able to appoint a new full-time chief executive, with a salary higher than the £6,000 earned by Mr Shouls, within the next two to five months.

Of the more than £500,000 collected in £12 annual subscriptions from members since the federation was formed a year ago, only £165,000 remained, Mr Allen said. They were not happy about the financial position, but were not in difficulties.

Mr Kelly agreed that, in retrospect, some money had been spent unwisely. But they would learn from those mistakes.

The growth of the federation's membership from 15,000 after four months to 43,000 had been a "staggering achievement". The federation was starting its second year with a recruitment campaign aimed at the country's 1,500,000 to two million self-employed who found themselves "threatened by over-government, squeezed between powerful conglomerates and unions, bewildered, and helpless".

The federation's most important issue of the past year had been the 8 per cent national health insurance levy. An increase in the contribution had been inevitable, but the self-employed were demanding tax relief on part of their contribution, just as relief was granted on the employer's part of the employed man's contribution.

Members realized that it was a serious matter to advise members to withhold contributions, but they felt their "backs were against the wall". They had devised a plan that would not involve breaking the law, Mr Kelly said.

The federation would strongly resist further attempts to introduce higher rates of taxation, locally or nationally.

It would fight against the proposed wealth tax, would put forward proposals for changes in capital transfer tax and in the rating of business premises, and would continue its campaign for simplification of the administration of value-added tax.

The Community Land Bill now before the Lords, was a totalitarian measure which would destroy the concept of home and land-owning democracy; it must be opposed.

Accountant tells why he left Stonehouse company

By Michael Horsnell

A chartered accountant who joined the Stonehouse group of companies said yesterday that he was forced to resign over a loan account run up by Mr John Stonehouse, MP for Walsall, North.

Mr Alan Le Fort told Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westminster, on the third day of the committal proceedings, that the MP ignored him when he questioned his instructions over paying £10,000 in March to the loan account. The money had been voted to him by the board of Export Promotions and Consultancy Services Ltd (EPACS).

"I reminded him there was a PAYE liability on that remuneration and that he was not entitled to draw the full amount from his loan account", Mr Le Fort said. "He asked me nevertheless to continue to draw, or words to that effect. He said the position of the PAYE would be dealt with later on in the year. It was never dealt with up to the time that I left the company."

Mr Stonehouse faces 21 charges of conspiracy, forgery and theft, involving more than £170,000, and two charges alleging that he lied about his assets when applying for legal aid. Mrs Sheila Buckley, his former secretary, faces five charges of theft and one of conspiracy.

Mr Le Fort told the court that in 1974, until the time he left the company on October 31, there were 23 debit entries on Mr Stonehouse's loan account.

He said: "I thought that the loans were a contravention of the Companies Acts. I spoke to Mr Stonehouse more than once about this. He listened, and remarked that the position would be rectified soon. I resigned because I was unhappy about the loans and I was also concerned about the solvency of EPACS."

Mr Le Fort said he was also concerned about loan accounts involving three other companies. "I was concerned that he was giving personal guarantees as collateral security against loans to the companies. It was my view that a company should be able to stand on its own feet and provide collateral security without any resort to personal guarantees."

Mr Michael Fuller, manager of the Midland Bank at Victoria Street, Westminster, London, told the court that on August 24 last year Mr Stonehouse asked if the bank would extend the overdraft facility to Export Promotions from £10,000 to £25,000. He said the company was engaged in promoting exports, had assignments to the end of the year, and was expecting fees by then.

Mr Fuller allowed the limit to be raised to £17,500, and Mr Stonehouse signed a personal guarantee. "My belief at the time was that it was prudent and that the guarantor was a man on whose integrity we could rely implicitly", Mr Fuller said.

On November 15, less than a week before Mr Stonehouse disappeared, Mr Fuller wrote to Mr Stonehouse to tell him the new overdraft facility had been exceeded by £950.

The hearing continues.

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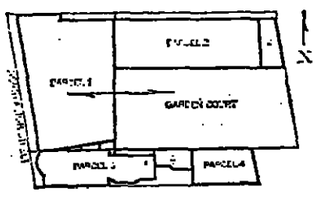
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Students warned to avoid damage in sit-ins

Mr Charles Clarke, president of the National Union of Students, has urged his 660,000 members to avoid damaging property when they occupy university buildings and colleges.

A revised version of the union's document, Direct Action Briefing, has been issued to 680 students' unions. It tells them how to approach sit-ins, and places a new emphasis on the need to avoid causing damage.

The document reiterates last year's instructions, including notes on occupying local education authority offices, but certain more emotive words have been toned down or rephrased.

Mr Clarke said yesterday that unions could use the collective experience outlined in the booklet in "situations where they have no realistic option other than direct action". He warned unions against alienating "those whose labour keeps their college functioning".

An NUS representative said last year's document had been written in too much of a hurry.

Teachers call for SCE exam to be abolished

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh

A call for the abolition of the SCE ordinary grade examination has been made by the Educational Institute of Scotland, the largest of the Scottish teachers' unions.

In evidence submitted to the departmental committees appointed by the Secretary of State to review the examination arrangements for pupils completing the fourth year of education the institute suggests that the examination should be replaced with a national system of terminal assessment for the whole ability range on the completion of four years of secondary education.

The institute adds that besides providing a more comprehensive and fairer record of the school performance of all pupils the system of universal assessment envisaged would fulfil the present functions of the ordinary grade examination more satisfactorily.

Stress of extra school year leads to crime, expert says

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

How the raising of the leaving age to 16 had increased delinquency was described yesterday by Dr K. S. Walshe-Brennan, consultant psychiatrist to the school health service of Cheshire County Council.

The extra year at school seemed to cause genuine stress to some children, he told a Royal Society of Health conference on juvenile crime.

"To those with sub-average intelligence or other educational difficulties there can be embarrassment and even humiliation", he said. "Truancy, as distinct from school phobia, is a commonly found result."

He added that among a thousand juveniles referred to him in the past decade for court reports truancy was associated with mugging, burglary, prostitution, protection rackets, transvestism, drug offences, rape and indecent exposure.

Dr Walshe-Brennan said he had noted that maternal rejection of the child was a cause of juvenile delinquency. That rejection might be because of maternal depression or because the child was unwanted.

"The latter is a common finding in young wives starting married life in the strange surroundings of a new housing estate or high-density flats."

Chief Inspector J. F. Newing, of Scotland Yard's community relations branch, said no one sought to deny that social deprivation might make criminal behaviour easier to understand. But crime was antisocial, and the juvenile offender must be made aware of society's general disapproval.

Mr Nicholas Hinton, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: "Poverty, unemployment, the hell of inner-city life, inadequate education and deprivation sow the seeds of much of juvenile crime. In turn the vicious circle of vandalism, mugging or housebreaking makes life even worse than it is already in those same areas that produce the most crime."

Racing hopes to get help from inquiry

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The horseracing industry will look to a Royal Commission on Gambling, expected to be announced soon, to suggest ways of keeping the sport alive and stopping the British owner from being squeezed out.

That was one response in racing yesterday to the idea of a royal commission to review the whole field of gambling laws and controls. Many people think that the Government could take less and the levy on bookmakers' turnover could be increased, to benefit the sport.

Racing has been badly affected by inflation. One estimate of keeping a horse in training, given yesterday, was £3,000 compared with half that sum in 1973. The third prize in one of yesterday's races was not enough to cover the cost of transport, I was told.

The intention would be for the royal commission to report quickly on terms of reference likely to cover every aspect of gambling, including lotteries, football pools, gaming clubs, bingo and charity competitions.

The commission's attention may be drawn to the lack of consistency between, say, control of lotteries and of football pools. Another suitable subject may be the growth of conglomerate companies owning football pools, betting shops and casinos.

School vouchers would not need legislation, MP says

By Our Education Correspondent

Vouchers to give parents more choice in the schools their children attend could be introduced without new legislation, a Conservative MP said yesterday.

Mr Leon Brittan, a barrister and MP for Cleveland and Whitby, said the Government had been grossly misleading in maintaining that the 1944 Education Act would have to be changed.

Under the scheme parents would be given a sum of money equivalent to the cost of their child's education and allowed to spend it on whatever school they wished. They might also be allowed to use it to pay for part of the fees at independent schools. A voucher scheme has been pioneered in America.

Many Conservative-controlled authorities have not bothered to consider the scheme in detail because they believe that legislation would be necessary. The Government has already said it is opposed to a pilot experiment.

Mr Ian Coutts, leader of Norfolk County Council, said: "I want to know a little bit more about how a pilot scheme would work within the existing legal system. If it would, I should be very interested in promoting it. It seems to give an element of parental choice which would be difficult to give under the maintained system".

Kent County Council, one of the largest education authorities, is to study the feasibility of starting a pilot experiment probably in Ashford. Mr John Grugeon, leader of the council, said the study might take a year. "We shall be getting our own legal advice on the legality of vouchers."

Last May Mr Prentice, then Secretary of State for Education and Science, said a voucher experiment would require new legislation. The 1944 Act expressly prohibited the charging of tuition fees in maintained schools. He added: "Although it does empower local education authorities to pay, but only subject to a means test, the whole or part of fees attending schools at which fees are payable."

Mr Brittan told me yesterday that Mr Prentice's objections, contained in a private letter to the Friends of the Education Voucher Experiment, were absurd.

He said: "The vouchers are not tuition fees and could never be regarded as such. If absolutely necessary the scheme could be operated quite legally within the state sector.

"It is grossly misleading to suggest that legislation is needed to extend the use of a voucher scheme to independent schools. There is nothing in the Education Act to prevent that from being done. At the most a comparatively simple change in the regulations would be required."

The Department of Education and Science said the regulations requiring a means test to which Mr Prentice referred were foreshadowed in section 81 of the 1944 Act.

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Racial minorities a key part of Labour poll win, survey says

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

"Without the support of ethnic minorities, it is likely that Labour would not have won more seats than the Conservatives in February, 1974, or the overall majority last October, a Community Relations Commission survey says today.

"This is not to say that the racial minorities were solely responsible for the outcome of the election, since other minorities, such as the Scots and Welsh, returned substantially more Labour MPs than Conservatives", the report says.

But in some places ethnic minority groups participated in the 1974 elections to a greater extent than white people in the same areas. And the distribution of minorities in the marginal seats gave them an important opportunity to exercise influence.

A rough indication of the importance of the New Commonwealth minorities in a constituency can be obtained by comparing the size of the majority in a constituency with the number of people from the New Commonwealth living there at the time of the 1971 census, though that has obvious limitations.

The report lists 59 seats that both 1974 elections returned MPs with majorities smaller than the number of people in them born in the New Commonwealth.

Sixteen of the 59 were held by the Conservatives at both elections against Labour's 30.

"But, most important, the remaining 13 seats were won by Conservatives in February, but were captured by Labour in October.

"Since the total number of seats captured from the Conservatives by Labour between the two elections was only 17, it is obvious that these 13 seats had an undeniable influence on the outcome of the two elections."

The report says that in the October election the minorities swung more to Labour than the electorate as a whole, at least in part in response to the Labour Government's actions to benefit the minorities.

Anti-immigrant candidates made little or no progress at the election. But although some of the samples are small and should be treated with caution, it is clear that a substantial proportion of voters for all three parties would be less likely to vote for an ethnic minority candidate.

The officers of the reference and technical services division of the commission responsible for the report were David Kohler and Muhammad Anwar, with assistance from Dr M. Le Lohe, of Bradford University, and Louis Chase. Opinion Research Centre's part of the inquiry was conducted by Nigel Spackman and Ros Davies. Michael Steed, of Manchester University, also gave guidance.

Participation of Ethnic Minorities in the General Election October, 1974. (Community Relations Commission, 15-16 Bedford Street, London, WC2 9HX. 45p.)

Jury urges protection for invalid tricycles

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

An Oxford coroner's jury yesterday asked for invalid tricycles to be made stronger so that drivers would stand more chance of surviving accidents.

It returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Henry Holgeth, of Outram Road, Cowley, who died after his invalid vehicle had been struck by a car while he was crossing a dual carriageway on the Oxford to Swindon road.

The jury foreman asked whether some form of reinforcement could be fitted to such vehicles similar to a type of roll-bar fitted to motor cycles.

Mr Thomas Gardiner, the coroner, said that although he would take a note of the jury's comment he would not record it as part of the verdict.

Mr Sidney Holgeth, also of Outram Road, said his father had complained of the steering and position of the seat and had taken the vehicle back once to have better wing mirrors fitted.

The jury was told that Mr Holgeth had had nine hours of instruction, but his instructor wanted him to have more lessons before he took the test.

Mr Gardiner told the jury: "I think you ought to consider if the vehicle or the competence of the driver was an immediate cause of his death. In my view you will find it very difficult to find that proved, but you might nevertheless have some disquiet about it and I don't see why you should not express an opinion."



Lighter than air: Miss Glenda Jackson, the actress, who plays the lead in "Sarah", a film being made about Sarah Bernhardt, taking a trip in a balloon during filming near London yesterday. The episode depicted took place in Paris in the 1870s.

Wage limits for free school meals to rise

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The income limits for free school meals for a four-child family will be raised by more than £4 a week under regulations made yesterday by Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science. The new limits will take effect on November 17, when social security benefits rise.

In a circular issued yesterday local education authorities are asked to make sure that parents are told of the changes. The circular is regarded as part of the Government's drive to step up information and advice

As well as raising the income limits, the regulations allow for more generous treatment of other benefits, including disability benefits and pensions and maintenance allowances.

A family with four children will be able to claim free school meals if their net income is below £37.85 after tax, national insurance, rent and rates, and work expenses such as travelling and trade union subscriptions. For a two-child family the limit will be raised from £25.35 to £28.55, and for a one-child family from £21.25 to £23.90.

In addition the amount of disability benefits and pensions disregarded will be raised from £2 to £4 and from other unearned sources from £1 to £4. But the maximum disregard for any family will be £4 a week. The allowance for a special diet will be increased from 75p to £1.35 in calculating the family's net income.

Liberals to campaign for pension reform

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Liberal Party yesterday called for pensions to be removed from politics by linking them to the cost-of-living index. Pensions should also be raised nearer to average earnings to give retired people a real choice between goods and services.

"Shortage of money and widespread insistence on concessions instead of cash makes a major restriction on pensioners' choice in crucial areas such as accommodation, consumer goods, transport and recreation facilities", Mr Gordon Lishman, director of policy promotion, said yesterday in a background paper prepared for a new Liberal campaign for pensioners.

"What conceivable logic can there be", he asked "in a system which encourages the pensioner to travel a distance to see his grandchildren, but which makes it impossible for him to give them a decent meal if they live round the corner? As a substitute for choice, and an excuse for meanness, concessions have nothing to recommend them."

The Liberals want pensions raised to at least half average earnings for single people and to two thirds for married couples, more in line with the level of pensions in other European countries. That level could be achieved over five years through the introduction of a tax-credit scheme.

In the meantime local Liberal parties will be running campaigns to inform pensioners of benefits they are already entitled to. Mr Lishman pointed out yesterday that a million pensioners do not claim supplementary benefits, half of them because they do not know they are eligible, and that there are many other state and local authority benefits available to them.

"Virtually all are hedged around with qualifications and conditions and sealed off from prying eyes of would-be claimants by an impenetrable wall of official language and forms", he said in his background document. "The whole system could not have been designed more cleverly if it had been intended the oldest and the meekest".

Man remanded in murder case

David Lyndon James, aged 30, a toolmaker, of Derby, was remanded in custody until Tuesday at Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday, accused of murdering Mr Edward Jones.

The naked body of Mr Jones, aged 50, formerly of Belfast, was found on waste land at Merthyr Tydfil at the weekend.

War dump cleared

An RAF bomb disposal unit yesterday blew up the last of nearly 400 tons of wartime explosives buried on a 70-acre site in Snowdonia.

Motorway extension

Devon's first stretch of motorway, 11 miles from the Sandy Gate end of the M5, east of Exeter, to Cullompton, will open at 10 am today.

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...Kenneth Gosling
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The first comprehensive ...y of the arts to be ...mpted by the Conservative ...rty was announced yesterday ... Mr St John-Stevas, MP, Con...rvative spokesman on education and the arts. Eight study ...oups are to be set up and will ...port to a conference next ...ring before submitting recom...endations to Mrs Thatcher and ...e Shadow Cabinet.

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...any outside experts would ...consulted and evidence on ... aspects of the arts would ...welcomed.

Increase in TV news analysis 'not needed'

By a Staff Reporter

Television news bulletins devoted mainly to expert examination, analysis and interpretation would probably mean the end of the kind of news programmes that have established themselves with mass audiences, Independent Television News says today in evidence to the Committee on the Future of Broadcasting.

It would lead, ITN says, to the dissipation of those audiences. "Such a contraction of television's pictures throws away the very key that opens the door to those audiences, and with it the opportunity to inform, enlighten and widen understanding."

To supplement a pictorial information source is essential, ITN says. To replace it with explanation would be something different and would represent a misunderstanding of the reason why people switch on the news: to learn what has happened and to see it happening.

The first priority of a television news programme is to present a plain, impartial account of happenings.

If a news service is short of space for news and its analysis, the cure is more space for both, ITN says.

Within daily bulletins alone it will always be hard to provide adequately for explanation, analysis and background. ITN thinks that a second channel would probably provide the best opportunity for expansion.

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Peter Williams, for the ...or of Public Prosecutions, ... Mr Evelyn Russell, the ...trate, that Mr O'Doherty was further charged with the additional offences and now faced a total of 32 charges. When the case eventually came on for hearing the prosecution expected to call about 150 witnesses.

Mr Benedict Birnberg, who appeared for Mr O'Doherty, told the court that there was likely to be an issue over jurisdiction.

Of the 30 additional charges, 13 relate to causing explosions and 17 to the possession of explosives, mostly in the London area.

One of the charges against Mr O'Doherty alleges that on August 24, 1973, he sent a letter bomb to Brigadier G. H. Mills at the British Embassy in Washington with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm.

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Life jail for £242,000 factory fire

Philip Anthony Ford, aged 18, has sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court, Kent yesterday to life imprisonment for causing £242,000 damage by fire to a factory and endangering the lives of its 26 employees. He said he started the blaze because he was tired of being nagged by women workers.

Mr Ford, of Pitfield, Hartley, near Dartford, pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage to Westminster Mill, Horton, where he worked as an odd-job man, on June 16.

Mr Ford told the police that he was threatened with dismissal and decided to get back at his employer by setting fire to a carton containing electric cable. The flames spread and he panicked. He did not intend to cause so much damage nor had he wished anyone harm.

Express bus service

Express "executive" buses, with coffee and newspapers for sale on board, are to be sponsored by Oxfordshire County Council. The service will start in December between Banbury and Oxford.



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OVERSEAS

Mr Whitlam facing constitutional crisis as opposition parties decide to reject Budget in Senate

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Oct 15

The Australian Opposition parties today decided to reject the Budget in the Senate, where they have a majority, in an effort to force an election. It it believed there were no dissenters when the vote was taken, although some members and senators expressed concern about a breach of convention.

The move comes after a war of nerves between Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, and Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Opposition leader, over attempts to force an early election. Mr Whitlam told Parliament, however, that his Government would serve its full term and there would be no election until July 9, 1977.

At question time Mr Whitlam told Mr Fraser he would not resign and said he would not relieve Mr Fraser of "any odium which will flow from any reprehensible conduct which he aids and abets his colleagues in the Senate in perpetrating".

[Mr Whitlam went on television later in the day, AP reports from Canberra. He said he would fight the manoeuvre by the Liberal-Country Party coalition, which would deprive his Labour Government of funds to govern the country. "We will not yield to blackmail", he said. "We will not be panicked. We will not turn over the Government of this country to vested interests, pressure groups and newspaper proprietors whose tactics would destroy the standards and traditions of parliamentary government. The business of government will go on."]

In South Australia, Mr Donald Dunstan, the Labour Premier, issued a High Court writ aimed at stalling an election. The writ claims that the electoral divisions in South Australia are not determined according to law.

During question time, Mr Whitlam made it clear that he was not going to accept Mr Fraser's blocking of funds in the Senate. The result could well be a constitutional crisis that may last up to six months, with the financial and political administration of the country in turmoil.

The crisis began yesterday with the resignation of Mr Rex Connor, the Minerals and Energy Minister, over the part he played in the overseas loans affair.

The Government is ready to face an extended constitutional crisis should the Budget be rejected by the Senate for the first time since federation in 1901. Two independent senators have indicated that they will vote with the Government, but the combined opposition parties would still have a majority of 30 to 29.

Mr Whitlam will first seek an election for half the Senate before any decision is taken to call a dissolution of both Houses of Parliament. The two appropriation Bills giving legislative effect to the Budget were introduced into the Senate last night and the crucial vote should come tomorrow.

In another development today Mr Tirath Khemlani, the Pakistani money broker who has played a central part in bringing down Mr Connor, challenged the Prime Minister to hold a public inquiry into the loans affair.

But in the House of Representatives Mr Whitlam refused to appoint a royal commission.

Mr Fraser's decision to try to force a general election comes after weeks of prompting by his colleagues. But it was only last week when Mr Khemlani appeared in Australia, making damaging statements about Mr Connor, that today's decision became inevitable.

Soviet press campaign to vilify Dr Sakharov

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, Oct 15

Dr Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize "for many years of anti-Soviet activity", the Literary Gazette said today in the opening salvo of what seemed to be a campaign to vilify the dissident scientist.

It said the prize was given to a man "distinguished by his hatred of peace and of brotherhood of peoples". He had done his utmost to incite enmity and distrust among nations. "He hates the society in which he lives and which so condescendingly ignores his antisocial position."

The paper noted that in his message of thanks for the Peace Prize, Dr Sakharov never once mentioned the word "peace". It repeated earlier allegations that he had become an advocate of fascism "by declaring that the Pinochet gang has inaugurated in Chile 'an era of rebirth and consolidation'".

Literary Gazette concluded that by awarding Dr Sakharov the Nobel Prize "imperialist reaction has made a political gesture testifying to its desire to inflame anti-Sovietism, and sabotage the process of consolidating world peace".

This seems to confirm that the chances of the Soviet Government permitting Dr Sakharov to go to Oslo to collect his prize and bring it home are nil.

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Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in Johannesburg recently before they left for Botswana where they have remarried.

S Africa deeply shocl by Smith criticism of Mr Vorster, minister

Johannesburg, Oct 15.—A South African Cabinet minister, apparently speaking for Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, has expressed shock at Mr Ian Smith's statement that peace efforts by Mr Vorster and others had spoilt the chances of a Rhodesia settlement.

Mr Marais Steyn, Minister of Indian Affairs, in a speech last night said of Mr Smith's controversial television interview last weekend: "We are all deeply shocked. Mr Smith tried to put the matter right the next day by saying that, although he used these words, he did not mean what the press read into them.

"It is very difficult to interpret Mr Smith's words other than in the way the important press organs of London and South Africa did. It is also clear that the whole press of South Africa, English and Afrikaans language, reflected the public's opinion . . . in their sharp criticism of Mr Smith."

Mr Steyn was speaking in Mr Vorster's constituency of Nigel after a Cabinet meeting. A government spokesman had said earlier that no statement would be issued on Mr Smith's remarks, but that Mr Steyn's speech would clarify the position.

Newspapers interpreted Mr Smith's remarks as criticism of Mr Vorster, who has been a leading figure in the so-called détente effort to bring about constitutional talks on the future of Rhodesia.

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Drive to save good name of Zionism

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Oct 15

With the support of world jewry, Israel is making intensive diplomatic counter-moves to thwart attacks by Arab and other Third World critics who are seeking to equate Zionism with fascism, racialism, colonialism and apartheid.

These counter-moves go beyond the immediate Middle East dispute and seek to gain acceptance of Zionism as a national liberation movement.

The World Jewish Congress executive, at its meeting in Jerusalem a week ago, passed a resolution designed to answer the expected anti-Zionist move at the United Nations. It condemned attempts to defame and falsify Zionism as "incitement to antisemitism and racial hatred".

The congress said that Zionism was the Jewish national liberation movement and it would be "an act of blatant discrimination if the Jewish people alone of all the peoples of the world were denied its rights to self-determination", which had been upheld by the United Nations in 1947.

The resolution added: "Zionism has always envisaged the return of the Jewish people to its ancestral homeland without any prejudice to the rights and status of the inhabitants of the region. It was only due to the fanatical intransigence of Arab leaders that a conflict emerged. It remains our hope that Israel will be able to live in peace and friendly cooperation with all its neighbours."

The World Jewish Congress has urged its affiliated bodies to help to mobilize world public opinion against anti-Zionism. Israel diplomats report a sympathetic response from most Western countries.

In Israel leading politicians have extended the campaign by claiming that anti-Israel statements and actions are anti-Zionist and therefore antisemitic. Some Jewish leaders abroad are chary of pushing the argument so far.

Apart from the extreme Arabs, probably the most active anti-Zionists in the world are the members of the Neturei Karta orthodox sect, living in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and with tens of thousands of adherents in the United States and Europe.

Mr Allon favours Soviet link

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem, Oct 15

Mr Allon, the Israel Foreign Minister, said in Jerusalem today that he had been told in New York that Syria was not interested in negotiations with Israel for either an interim or an overall peace agreement. But Israel did not accept this as Syria's final word and was ready to negotiate a peace agreement without prior conditions.

There is speculation in Jerusalem that if American efforts fail, Russia will seek to move the Golan Heights dispute to the Geneva conference, of which it is cochairman.

Mr Allon acknowledged that Israel would like to renew diplomatic and trade relations with the eastern block.

Mercenaries placed on show in Angola

Luanda, Oct 15.—Four men, said to have been captured while fighting as mercenaries for one of Angola's three main liberation movements, were shown to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Conciliatory Commission, at their hotel in Luanda last night.

The men, three Portuguese and one from Zaire, were produced by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). It said they were captured wearing uniforms of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) during a clash earlier this week with MPLA forces at Samba Cuja, about 186 miles east of Luanda.

The MPLA said they were part of a force of 200 men including mercenaries and soldiers from Zaire.

This is the second time that the commissioners, sent by the OAU to Angola to try to find a way of ending the differences between the three liberation movements, have been shown prisoners claimed to be mercenaries.

Meanwhile, the MPLA said that 60 soldiers of the third movement, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita), were killed yesterday in a clash with MPLA troops at Luso, a rail town south-east of Luanda.

Troops of the MPLA dug in today along the River Zenza just north of Luanda in what appeared to be a last-ditch stand to stop FNLA forces moving south on the capital.

Spokesmen for the Portuguese Army High Command said that the FNLA spearhead was now about 15 miles north of the capital on the other side of the river, south of which lies the capital's vital water-pumping station at Quifangondo.

Several hundred men backed by artillery and armoured vehicles were involved in the FNLA attack.

The FNLA was reported to be only three and a half miles from Quifangondo. However, the Portuguese believed the push southwards by the FNLA did not mean an immediate attack on the capital.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse.

French accuse Bulgarian of espionage

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 15

A Bulgarian doctor working in Strasbourg has been charged with "spying for a foreign power", using information obtained from his French wife while she was working in the French Embassy in Sofia.

Dr Nicholas Dimitrov, aged 42, is said regularly to have passed on information which his wife gleaned about the habits and conversations of other members of the embassy staff without telling her what use he was making of her confidences.

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By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

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UN report describes Chile torture

From Peter Strafford
New York, Oct 15

Further evidence of torture under the Chilean military regime was published in a report to the United Nations General Assembly today. The report lists the different types of torture which, it says, are being used, and several places where it is being carried out.

The report names several of those said to be active torturers, including one known as Oswaldo Romo, who "usually boasted to his victims of his prowess as a torturer and as an extractor of information". It adds: "The attention of the General Assembly is particularly drawn to the acts of this Romo". Among others named are several naval officers.

The working group, consisting of representatives of Pakistan, Ecuador, Senegal, Austria and Sierra Leone, was set up earlier this year by the Commission of Human Rights. The Chilean Government at first agreed to receive the group, but changed its mind six days before it was due to arrive in Santiago.

As a result, the group had to confine itself to questioning people outside Chile. But it reports that it had extensive written material on the state of civil rights in Chile, and that it spoke to many Chileans, who between them represented a comprehensive spectrum of the national life of Chile.

The group found that the "state of siege" in force in Chile was being used as a justification for many kinds of normally illegal acts, and for the suppression or restriction of human rights.

It says there are three broad types of ill-treatment in Chilean detention centres: bad prison conditions, including humiliating work, poor hygienic conditions and long periods of solitary confinement; actual physical ill-treatment, designed to extract information; and psychological pressure, such as threats to relatives and friends and forcing victims to witness physical and sexual abuse of close relatives and friends.

Among the most common forms of torture used, the report says, are electric shocks to sensitive parts of the body, including the genitals; rape and sexual abuse; the introduction of objects like sticks, bottlenecks and even guitar shafts into the vagina or the anus; and beatings, usually with heavy objects such as guns, wooden or metal sticks, and chains.

There are also other methods, which the report describes as particularly heinous or revolting. It speaks of the *Pau de Arara*, where the prisoner is suspended by his hands and feet from a bar, and tortured in that position.

The authors comment: "The fact that massive torture methods appear to be taught and learnt by investigating officers, whether members of the armed forces or not, as a technique or a new science, merely from the standpoint of their effectiveness and without consideration of any human standards, is ominous and calls for strong reprobation."

Eight take blame at Athens trial

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Oct 15

Eight of the army officers on trial on charges of torturing political prisoners under the dictatorship, told an Athens court martial today that they accepted responsibility for the actions of the 28 other defendants who had been under their orders.

The court heard testimony about the condition in which Mr Hippocrates Savouras, who is now a member of Parliament, had been found after detention and interrogation by the military police. Mr Savouras had given evidence yesterday of the tortures and beatings he had tortures and bearing he had undergone.

Major Haralambos Panagopoulos, an army psychiatrist, said that he examined Mr Savouras as a prisoner. He found him in such a state of disorientation that "he did not know who he was".

Dr Athanassios Psathas, a physician who treated Mr Savouras for thrombophlebitis in 1970, said that the condition could have been caused by an injury or by the interrogation method of forcing the prisoner to remain standing for days on end.

Europe criticized over attitude to Cyprus

By Edward Mortimer

European governments and Nato were criticized yesterday for their passive attitude to the Cyprus problem by Mr John Brademas, leader of the "Greek lobby" in the United States House of Representatives, speaking at a press conference in London.

Mr Brademas said that while he condemned the executions in Spain, he was surprised at the action of West European governments in withdrawing their ambassadors from Madrid when they had made "no analogous effort to respond to the military invasion and occupation of a small island republic, which made nearly one third of the people of that country refugees".

He was particularly critical of Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato Secretary-General, who ing helped to persuade to resume arms ship Turkey on October 2. "was intruding upon nal affairs of the Government and he cating a policy contra principles contained i amble to the Nato cha

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President Makarios in Nicosia that he was to resume peace talks Turkish Cypriot side mitted concrete propo discussion.—Reuter.

Cairo meeting tries to find solution to Lebanon crisis

Cairo, Oct 15.—The foreign ministers of Lebanon, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Sudan met in Cairo today to discuss ways of ending the Lebanese crisis.

Syria, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization were invited, but Arab League sources said they were not expected to attend.

The absence of the three, in addition to rival attitudes towards the meeting by Lebanese factions, was expected to result in a mere appeal to Lebanese parties for self-restraint. The Arab League said the solution lay with the Lebanese.—Reuter.

Beirut: Renewed factional violence in the eastern suburbs of Beirut yesterday halted attempts to bring the city's life back to normal.

Shops which on Tuesday began to reopen after a ceasefire in the month-long fighting that has claimed 585 lives, put up their shutters after a night of shelling and gunfire.

In the latest outbreak mainly Christian right-wingers clashed with Palestinians from the Tel al-Zaatar refugee camp, informed sources said.—Reuter.

Czechoslovak court tries absent American pilot

Prague, Oct 15.—An American helicopter pilot and his Polish copilot face sentences of up to 10 years' imprisonment, in a trial which opened today, on charges arising from a border incident last August.

The pilot, Mr Barry Meeker, aged 33, is being tried in his absence. He and his copilot, Mr Tadeusz Kobrzynski, aged 26, a stateless Pole, are accused of three violations of Czechoslovak air space, and organizing the smuggling of East Germans into West Germany.

Frau Belga Neukirchner, aged 54, from East Berlin, faces up to three years' imprisonment on charges of attempting to leave Czechoslovakia illegally.

The prosecution at the trial, in the south Bohemian town of Ceske Budejovice, has stated that Mr Meeker flew into Czechoslovakia in an unmarked helicopter on August 17 last year and August 15 and August 17 this year.

The last flight was interrupted by Czechoslovak border guards who shot and wounded Mr Meeker and an East German girl. The American was able to take off and fly back to West Germany with three East Germans, leaving behind Mr Kobrzynski and Frau Neukirchner.

The inclusion of Mr Meeker among the accused came as a surprise here, as Czechoslovakia has not so far requested his extradition either from West Germany or the United States.

The trial is expected to last two days.

The proceedings are public, and representatives of West German and American news agencies have been allowed to attend along with some Czechoslovak and East European journalists. Others were denied admittance, officially because of lack of space.

West German authorities have identified the refugees who landed with Mr Meeker as Frau Neukirchner's husband and daughter and a friend of the family.—Reuter and AP.

Minister loses Canadian by-election

Montreal, Oct 15.—Mr Pierre Juneau, the Canadian Communications Minister, was defeated last night in a by-election to the federal Parliament. The result was a blow to the Liberal Party of Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister.

Mr Juneau, who was appointed minister in August, said early today that he would soon resign because "a minister cannot stay in charge very long without being elected". He came second to Mr Jacques Lavoie, the Progressive Conservative candidate, in a by-election in Hochelaga.

Another by-election, in the New Brunswick district of Restigouche, was won by the Liberal candidate with a reduced majority.

The position of the parties in the House of Commons is now: Liberals 140, Progressive Conservatives 95, New Democratic Party 16, Social Credit 11, Independent one, and one seat vacant.—Reuter.

Parthenon ban on tourists

Athens, Oct 15.—The Greek Government is to remove some of the statues from the Acropolis and ban people from the Parthenon in a move to preserve the 2,500-year-old ruin.

The Ministry of Culture and Sciences said it had been decided to take steps to preserve the area without delay. Statues already damaged by pollution will be given a nylon coating immediately to protect them from further deterioration. Tourists will be banned from entering the Parthenon because, over the years, their footsteps have eroded the marble flooring.—Reuter.

Musicians end strike on Broadway

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Oct 15

Broadway has come to life again with the settlement of the 25-day strike by theatre musicians.

Apart from musicians' salaries, the main issue in the strike was the so-called "walkers", musicians who do not play but get paid because the theatres have agreed in the past to employ a fixed minimum of musicians, whether or not they are needed. It has been agreed to cut the minimum number by about 10 per cent.

Union anger over New York cuts

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Oct 15

Mr Abe Beame, the Mayor of New York, has given way to strong pressure from Mr Hugh Carey, the Governor of New York State, and changed his tune over cuts in the city's budget. At a meeting today, he planned to detail cuts amounting to $200m (about £100m) in the present budget instead of the $50m he had talked about earlier.

The expectation was that these bigger cuts would involve a fair number of lay-offs and provoke an angry reaction by the city employees' unions. They already have spoken of calling a general strike, and they renewed their threat after a joint meeting they held last night.

Not all the union leaders want to see this happen. For instance, Mr Victor Gotbaum, the head of one of the biggest unions, spoke out a few days ago against a general strike; but he was less categoric about it last night.

He said: "Nobody wants a strike, but if we see the death of our contracts and the end of our unions, then you may force us into a decision nobody wants. If there are 20,000 lay-offs, forget about Victor Gotbaum. I couldn't hold my troops back."

Mr Beame is caught in a squeeze between state officials on one side and the unions on the other. If it was not for assistance from the state, New York City would be bankrupt already.

The price it has had to pay for this assistance is tight control over its finances by the recently set-up Emergency Financial Control Board. Its objective is to bring the city's finances back into the black over the next three years, with or without the cooperation of Mr Beame. This will involve budget cuts totalling $800m.

The hope of Mr Carey, and of many New Yorkers, is that, once this plan is set on foot in the next few days, it will convince President Ford of the city's determination to cut back, so that he will agree to federal assistance. Both Mr Carey and Mr Beame are to go to Congress in the next few days to make new appeals for help.

Not surprisingly, it all looks rather different to the unions. Mr Gotbaum said last night: "It is dismaying to us that unions who have already given up threequarters of a billion dollars ($750m) in lay-offs, wages, and other benefits should be put on once again."

To mark the occasion of the visit of President Sadat to Britain The Times is planning to publish a Special Report on

EGYPT

The Report will appear on November 5th, 1975 and will include articles on Anglo-Egyptian relations since 1956, the Egyptian economy, the political effects of the Sinai pact on Egypt, and the P.L.O. It will look at Egypt as a market for Britain, and discuss foreign investment opportunities.

For full information about this Special Report, contact Spencer Lee on 01-837 1234, *extension* 7397.

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Britain asks for delay n EEC rules on orry drivers' hours

om David Cross
uxembourg, Oct 15.

Dr John Gilbert, the British inister for Transport, told his C colleagues today that it uld be impossible for his vernment to introduce new strictions on the hours worked orry drivers by the end of year as required under mmunity rules.

Dr Gilbert, who was support- by the Irish and the Danes, ked for a delay of at least o years before the arrange- ts should come into force. During the entry negotia- ns these countries success- ly fought for a three-year od until January 1, 1976, but y now argue that this time- le was too tight.

The British blame the refer- dum and strong opposition m the transport trade unions employers for their slow- ss in preparing for the new strictions which came into fect in the Six founder mem- r states some years ago.

The rules would involve the option of a standard eight- ur shift for lorry drivers, stead of the present 10-hour ft in Britain, and the instal- ion of tachographs for mea- ring drivers' hours in new mmercial vehicles.

Dr Gilbert was not expecting inal decisions at today's meet- of transport ministers of Nine in Luxembourg. This ll probably come when they et to settle urgent transport oblems in December.

Today's deliberations were signed to make ministers re aware of the need for itical solutions to a number controversial questions which ve been holding up progress lics.

For the three newcomers, the most difficult problem to re- solve is the introduction of standard weights and measure- ments for juggernauts. The British in particular have re- fused to accept higher maxi- mum axle weights originally adopted by the Six.

The Italians, who are now in the chair of the Council of Ministers, are hoping that this issue can be settled as part of a five-point package of trans- port items in December. Among the other points the Italians would like to resolve are road haulage quotas for intra- Community trade, maximum and minimum road transport tariffs, and the harmonization of taxes on commercial vehicles.

Our Planning Reporter writes from Galway: A leading Euro- pean planner forecast today that some parts of Europe would be crisscrossed by motorways roughly two and a half miles apart.

M Jacques Robert, of the European Research Institute for Regional and Urban Planning in The Hague, was addressing a conference of authorities of out- lying areas.

Mr Roger Lee, of the Depart- ment of Geography, Queen Mary College, London, pointed out that no country in the EEC had an urban population of less than 50 per cent of its total. In Britain, West Germany and Denmark it was more than 80 per cent.

More than 40 per cent of the headquarters of the 500 largest industrial undertakings were located in London, Paris, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich, Essen and Milan. London and Paris together accounted for more than 30 per cent.



General Carlos Fabiao, the Portuguese Army Chief of Staff, gives a press conference in Oporto surrounded by mutinous soldiers.

Portuguese rebels claim victory

Lisbon, Oct 15.—Dissident revolutionary soldiers today pressed for an extension of popular power in Portugal after winning important concessions from their moderate leaders.

By mid-morning, the last of some 200 rebellious troops occupying an artillery barracks in the northern town of Oporto had left the building after General Carlos Fabiao, the Army Chief of Staff, had pro- mised to meet their main de- mands.

United Soldiers Will Win, the semi-clandestine military group which had backed the occupa- tion, followed up what it saw as a big victory with a demon- stration in the southern agri- cultural town of Evora. The organizers called on workers to join the dissident troops.

The concessions to the Oporto soldiers were seen as a blow to the Government's campaign to restore orthodox military dis- cipline.

The government of Admiral Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo, which is dominated by Socia- lists, centrists and politically moderate officers, has said the restoration of military disci- pline is essential if it is to be able to rule.

President Costa Gomes today issued a communiqué calling on responsible political parties not to demonstrate in favour of military units. Such shows of support were eating away at discipline, he said, creating divisions and opening the way to a return of Fascism. Both rebel and loyalist barracks have been the scene of demonstra- tions of support by rival political groups.

The Oporto revolt had begun after the northern military com- mander closed down an Oporto transport regiment when left- wing privates refused to accept his orders.

But a communiqué issued last night by the rebel soldiers, and confirmed by General Fabiao, said the transport regiment would now be transformed into a combat unit. General Fabiao also said the new unit would be "a guarantor of the revolu- tion" and "a unit of con- fidence".

The soldiers will meet in 10 days to see if General Fabiao has kept his promises. The general said he would institute an inquiry into the whole affair.

Tension remained high in Oporto, which last week suffered two nights of rioting involving troops and rival political factions. A bomb went off in the city this morning, damaging the headquarters of the Trotskyist International Communist League.

Farther north, a member of the Portuguese Democratic Movement, the Communist Party's sister organization, was badly injured when a bomb went off under his car on a road near Vila de Fafe in the Minho region.

Rome: The Pope will meet President Costa Gomes in private audience next Wednes- day, Vatican sources said today.

It will be the first visit of a Portuguese Head of State to the Vatican for many years, although the Pope met the deposed Prime Minister, Dr Marcelo Caetano, in 1967 during the Pontiff's visit to the Portuguese shrine of Fatima.

President Costa Gomes will stop in Rome on his way to an official visit to Yugoslavia.— Reuter and AP.

President appeals for reform to meet crisis

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Oct 15

President Leone broke all precedent today by sending a solemn message to Parliament giving his own analysis of the crisis facing Italy. His call for a fresh spirit and for a series of practical reforms was based on his confidence that there was sufficient energy to overcome the crisis.

His survey ranged from economic difficulties to adminis- trative shortcomings: from the need to provide for the idealism of young people to the virtues of national planning. He em- phasized that the causes of mal- aise, discontent, fear or failure of will had to be removed.

The most delicate point on which he touched was probably his proposal for legislation regu- lating the conduct of trade unions. The message was read to the two Houses of Parliament by their presiding officers and was countersigned by Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister.

The message arrived a day before the Government was due to hold a crucial meeting with representatives of the unions.

The President began by point- ing to the principles of liberty, democracy and social justice based on respect for human dignity contained in the con- stitution. The democratic re- gime based on this constitution should bear witness to such principles, he said, yet unease dominated the country. He did not feel, however, that the whole system required chance.

"A system like ours", he said, "which for about 30 years has withstood the shock of ex- ceptional events and of threats to the process of economic and moral elevation of the country, and which has both created and guaranteed a legislative and civic fabric of the highest demo- cratic content, does not require substantial reelaboration" but "a more organic and balanced application in all its constitu- tional, political and social com- ponents or potentialities".

Signor Pertini persuaded to withdraw resignation

From Patricia Clough
Rome, Oct 15

Signor Sandro Pertini, Presi- dent of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, withdrew his resig- nation last night after an episode which has turned a harsh light on political ethics here.

Signor Pertini, a former Resistance hero and regarded as one of the most upright and fearless men in Italian politics, suddenly resigned on Monday after disclosures of unfairly high salaries paid to parlia- mentary employees—a result of political patronage, corruption and favouritism.

Ushers and typists, it was claimed, earned more than deputies.

In an anguished letter to Ugo La Malfa, the Deputy Prime Minister, whose Republican Party had been Parliament's main accusers, Signor Pertini admitted that the charges were correct. He said that he had tried to put an end to the situa- tion inherited from his prede- cessors but he had been prevented. He reproached him- self for not having resigned at the time.

President Leone and Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister, begged him to stay on. Letters and declarations of esteem poured in. Newspapers praised the nobility of his gesture. Finally he gave in.

Signor Pertini's letter, the *Corriere Della Sera* commen- ted, should be quoted by future historians as an example of the present crises in the Italian republic. It went on:

"It is a human drama which shows up a simple but extre- mely sad truth—an honest man in Italian public life always finds himself torn between humiliating impotence and im- possible compromise. . . . The episode demonstrates that now, more than ever, we need men like him."

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e West German Cabinet y approved a draft Bill d at reducing the price of maceutical products.

nong the measures proposed he creation of an independ- commission of 13 experts to up an index of medica- s according to their phar- logical and therapeutic e and their price, a limit on nufacturers' profit margins and imposition of a maximum t margin on wholesalers.

e Bill will also empower Minister of Economics to ieve a voluntary limit with rug manufacturers on ng.

British attack on cuts in Community budget

From Our Own Correspondent
Strasbourg, Oct 15

The first reading today by the European Parliament of the EEC's draft budget for 1976 was marked by strong criticism of the Council of Ministers, which was accused of showing dishonesty, hypocrisy and short- sightedness in its decision last month to make cuts in spending on regional and social policies rather than in the agricultural sector.

Some of the most waspish remarks came from Mr Peter Kirk, leader of the European Conservative group, who said that the council had wielded a butcher's axe instead of a sur- geon's scalpel. It was "a lamentable story, which, when digested by the European popu- lation, will not be accepted as the proper way to carry out the functions of the Community".

In a time of austerity no one could object to a concern to economize, Mr Kirk conceded; but what had the ministers done? They had left untouched nearly 75 per cent of the budget, because that lay in the agricultural sector, and virtually destroyed the rest. (The farm budget is spent mainly on guaranteeing farmers' prices.)

The draft budget submitted to the Parliament by the Council of Ministers envisages Commun- ity expenditure in 1976 of some £3,100m (7,456m units of account) as against the £3,350m proposed by the European Com- mission. The cuts are mainly in the regional, social and in- dustrial and nuclear research sectors.

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Iceland's new limits in force

Reykjavik, Oct 15.—Patrol ships today ordered 20 West German trawlers out of Ice- land's new 200-mile fishing limit, which came into force at midnight in what Mr Hallgrimsson, the Prime Minister, called the achieve- ment of a 30-year struggle.

Iceland began with a three- mile limit in 1945. This was extended to four miles, then to 12, to 50 and now to 200 miles to preserve the fishing grounds off the country's coast.

The Icelandic coastguard has four patrol boats, which can outrun trawlers, as well as two slower vessels. A spokesman for the coastguard said the patrol boats were doing the rounds among 20 West German trawlers inside the limit, order- ing them to leave. He added that no force was being used.

British trawlers will continue to fish within the limit until a fishing agreement with Iceland expires next month.

Government sources in Bonn said yesterday that West Germany would ignore the new limit until its dispute with Ice- land over fishing rights had been settled.

Coastguards have said they do not expect any clashes on the fishing grounds similar to those in 1972, when Iceland extended its limits to 50 miles. Icelandic officials have explained that the 200-mile limit will not become practically effective until November 13, when agreements with several nations expire.—Reuter.

Priests held in Spain over protest pastoral letter

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Oct 15

General Franco's police con- tinued to arrest Roman Catho- lic priests throughout the country today as his anti-ter- rorism decree came under withering fire from the Church in two documents circulated clandestinely.

The documents were the text of a sermon written by Mgr Alberto Iniesta, Madrid's Aux- illiary Bishop, and a pastoral letter signed by 832 Catholic priests. Both documents expressed strong objections to the anti-terrorism decree, the death penalties recently im- posed and carried out on polit- ical activists and against alleged violations of human rights by the Franco regime.

A number of priests have been jailed without trial or fined for reading from the pul- pit the bishop's sermon.

Bishop Iniesta left Madrid last week for what was offi- cially described as a Roman holiday, after receiving threats on his life from right-wing extremists, similar to those received by a number of foreign correspondents in Mad- rid. Last Friday, Señor León Herrera, the Minister of Infor- mation and Tourism, claimed that the Government had not forced him to leave the country.

In the sermon, the bishop denounced "ill-treatment to get statements out of prisoners, something which has occurred a number of times recently in our country". He also voiced the opinion that the authorities should not resort to summary military trials in view of the importance of giving the accused the opportunity of an adequate defence, particularly when there is a possibility that the death penalty might be im- posed.

The sermon asserted that the anti-terrorist decree was "a threat to journalists, priests, lawyers and citizens in general who are in civilized opposition, who neither think nor act like terrorists".

Shots fired at Botswana police camp

Gaborone, Botswana, Oct 15.— A Botswana police camp near Victoria Falls has been fired at from the direction of the Rhodesian border, it was announced today.

About 70 shots from automa- tic weapons and three flares were fired last Saturday night and the police returned the fire, a spokesman for President Sir Seretse Khama said. There were no Botswana casualties.

The spokesman added: "The whole area has since been searched but it was not pos- sible to determine the origin or identity of the attackers nor to which country they fled."— Reuter.

Cousteau plan for buoys to fight pollution

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 15

Commander Jacques-Yves Cousteau, the French marine explorer, has proposed the setting up of a worldwide net- work of buoys equipped with measuring devices to combat pollution of the seas.

The buoys would feed the in- formation they collected direct to an international satellite system. The network would re- quire at least 5,000 buoys on the surface of the world's oceans and seas.

About 100 more would be placed deep in ocean waters. All the buoys would have to be renewed each year.

irthrate unaffected by women's work

Our Own Correspondent
Oct 15

nch women who go out to contribute on average 40 ent of the family budget, ding to a Government y.

survey, ordered by M , the Prime Minister, in ort to discover the prob- faced by women at work, that women still receive s about 30 to 40 per cent those earned by men.

e Evelyne Sullerot, who up the report for the nic and Social Council, out strongly against held prejudices blaming g women for the present irthrate. The regions where women find less oppor- tunity to work also happen to be the ones with the lowest birthrate, she argued.

The report said: "Con- sciously or unconsciously for innumerable women work is the way to reduce their 'mar- ginality' in society, a way to reduce their economic vulnera- bility and to give themselves an identity in a society where everything is defined according to the response to the question: 'What does he (or she) do?'— and not 'What is he (or she)?'"

The report described the growing phenomenon of women at work as a sign of dynamic social development. Mme Sul- lerot, after developing this positive image, went on to demand some wide-ranging re- forms.

She found, for instance, a "grave penury" of publicly financed aids to working mothers. She contrasted the 800,000 working mothers who have at least one child under three with the 60,000 places available in publicly-run creches throughout France.

The report recommended variable though full-time work- ing hours to help working wives, as part-time working went against women's status at work. Only one in three women at work do less than an eight- hour day, the report noted.

Peacekeeping role for UN seen in Spanish Sahara

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Oct 15

A United Nations mission yesterday recommended that there should be some form of United Nations presence in the Spanish Sahara to keep the peace as the Spanish withdraw.

The Spanish Sahara is one of the most difficult issues now facing the United Nations. The Spanish have announced their intentions of pulling out, and this has revived the claims of Morocco and Mauritania, both of which want to annex the territory. Algeria, on the other hand, says that it has no terri- torial claims, but that the popu- lation should be allowed to determine their own future.

As a result of their visit to the area, the United Nations mission reports that almost all the people they met, including representatives of the two poli- tical movements in the territory, were "categorically for indepen- dence and against the territorial claims of Morocco and Mauri- tania".

The conclusion of the mission is that the General Assembly should take steps to enable the population groups concerned to decide their own future "in complete freedom and in an atmosphere of peace and secur- ity".

Bomb attack on telephones

Genoa, Oct 15.—An incen- diary bomb exploded in the grounds of a telephone ex- change in Genoa during the night, the latest in a wave of attacks against Italy's telephone system.

Several other fire bombs were found round the building and defused.

El Cordobés vows to quit

Córdoba, Oct 15—El Cordobés, the retired bullfighter vowed yesterday that he would never fight again. He told his wife, whom he married on Saturday, that a wounding he had suf- fered on Sunday was "a sign of God that I must give up bullfighting".

Newspaper industry may get aid from EEC

From Michael Hornsby
Strasbourg, Oct 15

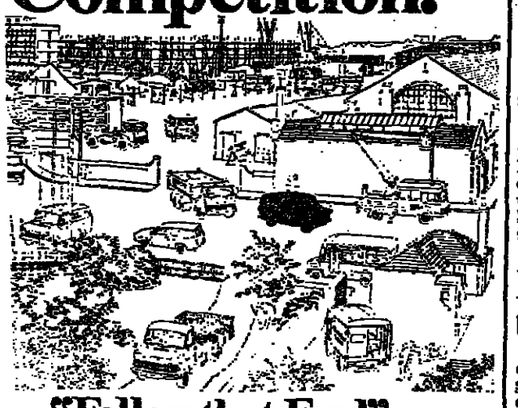
The prospect of EEC aid for Europe's ailing newspapers was held out here today by Signor Altiero Spinelli, the EEC com- missioner responsible for indus- try, in answer to a question in the European Parliament from Mr Peter Kirk, the leader of the European Conservative group.

Both the Community's Social Fund and the European Invest- ment Bank could be used to help the newspaper industry overcome its present economic difficulties, Signor Spinelli said. He did not indicate in any detail what form this aid might take.

Mr Kirk had asked for con- firmation that the social fund and the European Investment Bank could be used in "retrain- ing and restructuring" the newspaper industry. Signor Spinelli's reply was the first public indication from the Com- mission that newspapers might qualify for such aid.

Article 5 of the treaty estab- lishing the social fund provides for help to industries suffer- ing from difficulties caused by modernization and technical progress. Newspapers are re- garded as potential candidates for assistance under this head- ing.

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SPORT

Racing

Crash Course to prove he stays best

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The Jockey Club Cup, which is run over two miles, takes pride of place at Newmarket this afternoon on this, the first day of the three-day Houghton meeting. And it promises to develop into a fine contest between two of the horses who triumphed at Royal Ascot this year, Blood Royal and Crash Course. My preference is for Crash Course, who won the Ascot Stakes; Blood Royal won the Queen's Vase.

There is no sound reason for believing that Crash Course will beat his rival as there is no link between the two, but I have a feeling that he will and so I fancy does Jeremy Hindley his trainer. Hindley knows what his mother's good stayer must accomplish if he is to beat Blood Royal and win the cup this afternoon, because he also trains another decent stayer, Coed Cochion, who ran Blood Royal to a head in the Queen's Vase.

On good ground Crash Course is considered to be superior to Coed Cochion. Blood Royal has had the easier time since Royal Ascot. He has run only once, at Leopardstown where he won by six lengths. That was an excellent performance because he was carrying 10st 1lb, but Crash Course is tough and gifted as he proved by first beating Dakota at Newcastle in August and then by leading from pillar to post in the Doncaster Cup in September.

At the end of the Doncaster Cup Kambalda was far behind yet he was beaten only two lengths by Girandole in the Goodwood Cup. More poignant though could have been Crash Course's defeat of Dakota at Newcastle. Dakota had just won the Ebor Handicap at York. Yet at Newcastle Crash Course gave him weight and beat him emphatically. Since then Dakota has paid his own eloquent tribute to Crash Course by running Calaba so close at Ascot. Anything that Lester Piggott has ridden for Vincent O'Brien in this country this season has constituted a big danger to one and all, but I believe that Crash Course will be capable of repulsing this latest challenge and thus go far towards proving that he is the best stayer in training in this country.

Two of the other races run this afternoon are sponsored by Messrs Tattersall, whose annual sale of yearlings take places before and after racing today and tomorrow and again before racing begins on Saturday. The Somerville Tattersall Stakes is restricted to two-year-olds who were sold at public auctions when they were yearlings by this world famous firm.

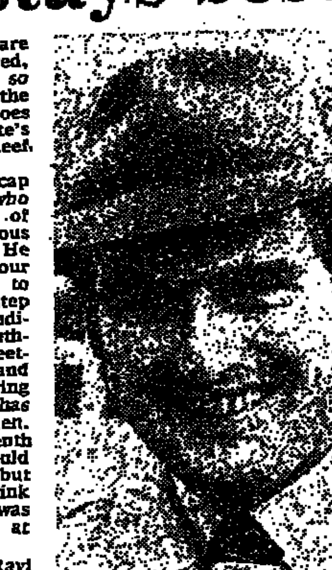
Zante and Mistress Page each cost 18,500 guineas and they were the most expensive members of today's field. At the other end of the scale Homeboy and Redhead were the cheapest, each costing 1,600 guineas. Homeboy and Zante have met once already this season in the Mill Reef Stakes in which Homeboy, who finished second, did the better.

However, Zante will be meeting him on 12 lb beter terms and it is difficult to overlook such a difference. At his best Early Dawn would be a big threat to all. He finished second in the National Stakes at Sandown Park and fourth in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, but not since he won his first race at Goodwood in May has he managed to convey the impression that he is in love with the game.

Loh, a game winner of his last race at Ascot, Market Sage, Seadiver and Mistress Page are others who must be considered, especially Seadiver who ran so promisingly behind Fluellen at the last meeting. But even that does not quite compare with Zante's good fourth in the Mill Reef Stakes.

The Park Paddock Handicap may be won by Pink Palace who seems to have got the hang of things at long last after numerous disappointing performances. He has won three of his last four races and with only 7 st 7 lb to carry he is still surely a step or two in front of the handicapper. When he won the Southfield Handicap at the last meeting Pink Palace beat Inkuband by two lengths. Yet he is receiving 3 lb more from him and he has won again at Ascot since then. Kung Fu, who finished seventh in the French St Leger, should run his customary good race, but I still cannot see him giving Pink Palace 33 lb. Soldier Rose was lucky to beat In The Balance at Lingfield Park last week.

Pink Palace is owned by Ravi Tikkoo whose lemon and blue colours have been so conspicuously successful of late. Worn by Frank Durr they may be carried successfully again at the beginning of the afternoon in the Chesterton Maiden Plate, this time by the Vaguely Noble colt, Steel Power, who ran such a promising race at Newmarket 12 days ago. On that occasion he finished behind the more experienced Helcia, but there should not be much between them this time.



Jeremy Hindley: trainer of Crash Course

Before the last meeting I made out a case why Annina should run well in her nursery, yet she finished only sixth behind Rippling. The two meet again in the Birdcage Nursery and I think that there is a case for giving Annina another chance. She started slowly last time, added to which her race was run at a breakneck gallop early on and she was run off her legs. Today's race will be over an additional furlong and she could be capable of springing a surprise.

Somersway, my selection for the Fordham Handicap, was also taken off her legs in her last race, which was the Cambridgeshire, as she tried in vain to match strides with those racing on the far side of the course.

Canadius to open his season with a win

By Jim Snow

Yesterday Charles Hall was cautiously optimistic about the chances of Super Nova, his good staying mare, in the Cesarewitch on Saturday. There has been a great deal of money early this week for her but "I do not know where it has come from", he said. After being 25-1 early in the month, her price now hovers on 10-1.

Hall's younger brother, Sam, won the Newmarket race with a fine stayer, Morecambe, in 1958, his 9 st 4 lb proving no anchoring weight as he went clear two furlongs out to win by eight lengths. Super Nova was handicapped at 7 st 2 lb, no large burden for a horse who was unlucky when second in Epsom's Great Metropolitan in April and later won the Chester Cup by two lengths under 7 st 7 lb.

The weights have been raised 7 lb for the Cesarewitch. Super Nova goes up to 7 st 11 lb to the satisfaction of her trainer since Ernie Johnson, the jockey, will now have no problems at the scales. The one doubt Hall has in his mind is whether or not he has managed to work his mare enough in the past month.

Super Nova had a long rest after her Chester Cup victory in May and has raced only twice since. Hall agrees that she is well handicapped but, as he says, "there is a niggling doubt about her being fully ripe for Saturday's big race".

Hall has never been one to exude confidence about one of his horses. He prefers the slow and wary approach. I recall his words about the chance of Average, a hurdler of the highest class, before a big race at the Grand National meeting more than 15 years ago. "He should run well and I think he will be placed." Average won the race, hard held at the last flight, by half a dozen lengths. Super Nova, unplaced in her last two races at Nottingham and York, will be hard to beat. A smart hurdler last season, she will not be worried by Newmarket's two and a quarter miles.

Today Haydock again mixes its programme. The most valuable races go to National Hunt horses, £1,100 to the Silver Birch Steeplechase, £1,000 to the Hawthorn Handicap Hurdle. In the Silver Birch Steeplechase, over two miles, all four runners are winners this season or last and all are fast steeplechasers over the minimum distance.

It could be a spectacular race with the four still being close turning into the straight with three of four fences to jump. My choice goes to Gordon Richards's Canadius, successful in three of the last five races in 1974/75. At six he is a young horse, a promising future lies ahead and, without the advantage of a previous outing this season he may be too good for the recent Ayr winer, Santon Brig.

Ballymoy, with one run and one win in the last month, should carry his penalty well enough to beat his five rivals in the Hawthorn Handicap Hurdle. Destiny Hill, a winner once in three outings in the last six weeks for Fred Rimell's stable, may come out best in the Spruce Amateur Riders Handicap Hurdle.

The three races on the flat at Haydock are of no great importance. They will not influence the course of history this season. Fancy Streak, from Jack Hardy's Nottinghamshire stable, may be good enough to win the opening Sycamore Selling Stakes for two-year-olds (2.15). She has been running consistently well in the first four in each of her last six outings, and gave a good display at Haydock when she started favourite and finished third in a £1,000 seller to Snapstrike.

When in doubt, back the top weight in a nursery is as good a principle as there is in racing and therefore Peter Easterby's Mayab is taken to win the Rowan Nursery Handicap (3.15). She looked a useful two-year-old filly when she won a nursery at Doncaster's St Leger meeting with 7 st 11 lb by three lengths. On that performance in class company she can be considered reasonably treated today with 8 st 7 lb.

Vishvamitra finished well at Redcar three weeks ago when fourth to No Exit, the odds on favourite. Earlier he ran well without being placed at York behind Ca Marche. In the Poplar Maiden Stakes (4.45), Vishvamitra has to beat Bernard van Cutsem's Truly Brave, fourth at Doncaster and strongly supported at Pontefract on October 3 when finishing second to Light Lager by half a length.

STATE OF GOING (official): Newmarket: Good. Haydock Park: Flat, soft; steeplechase, good to firm; hurdles, firm. Taunton: Firm. Hexham: Good. Catterick Bridge: Good. Market Rasen: Good to firm.

Mill Reef's daughter tops sales at 50,000 gns

A filly by Mill Reef, only the third produce of the 1971 Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner to be offered at public auction, fetched 50,000 guineas on the second day of the Houghton yearling sales at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, yesterday morning.

The filly, already named Diamond Reef, was purchased by the British Bloodstock Agency, but the only information which the company's representative, Robin Hastings, could give was that Diamond Reef would be trained in England. She is out of Dress Uniform, a sister to the useful American Stakes winner, Fashion Verdict.

A full brother to the 1972 2,000 Guineas winner, High Top, became the costliest yearling so far this week when Richard Galpin, of the Newmarket Bloodstock Agency, outbid the trainer, Peter Walwyn, to secure the bay colt by Derring-Do out of Camanae for 51,000 guineas.

Bred by Bob McCreery, the former top amateur rider, at his Moreton Paddox Stud, the colt was purchased on behalf of a French client of the NBA.

BBA (Ireland), the purchasers of the top lot during the opening hours yesterday, spent 43,000 guineas on the eighth lot into the ring, a Habitat colt out of the winning Sing Sing mare Slipstream, submitted by John Coggan, a breeder. On this occasion Richard Galpin was the underbidder.

This yearling is a half-brother to Manado who won France's richest two-year-old race, the Grand Criterium, at Longchamp last Sunday and was installed 8-1 favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas. Manado cost 4,200 guineas at these sales last year.

Allez France is 3-1 favourite with Hills for the Washington DC International at Laurel on November 8. Other prices are: 4-1 Star Appeal, 5-1 Snow Knight, 6-1 Forego, 7-1 Dahlia, 8-1 Record Run, 12-1 On My Way, 20-1 Patch, 33-1 Laomedente, 50-1 Elfast, 66-1 Tsukisamu.

Folkestone abandoned

Racing at Folkestone yesterday was abandoned. The clerk of the course said the stewards inspected the course because of heavy overnight rain and decided that racing would not be possible.

Easby Abbey has nothing to offer under pressure

Easby Abbey, winner of six of his eight races last season and one of the most promising young steeplechasers in the north, ran out of steam when making his first appearance in the Hedley Handicap Steeplechase at Wetherby yesterday. He was second to Prize Crew.

In spite of his defeat by eight lengths, Ron Barry, the jockey, said: "He jumped well all the way and will be all the better for the race." Mrs Easterby, the trainer's wife, added: "He could go now for the invitation Colonial Cup race in the United States and might also run in the Heinz Steeplechase if the going is good."

Easby Abbey was well clear with four furlongs to go but when Prize Crew drew alongside with two furlongs left he had nothing to offer. Colonel Lycett Green celebrated his first day as a Steward at the course by welcoming two of his horses, Even Melody and West End Lad, into the winner's enclosure.

Even Melody, odds on favourite, led three furlongs out and ran on courageously for a three-length victory over Oscar Lad in the Stutton Novices Steeplechase. West End Lad scrambled home by a head from Tartan Tutor in the Gordon Foster Handicap. Both winners were ridden in fine style by Dennis Atkins to give Neville Crump, the trainer, his first winners of the season.

Even Melody, who was bought at the Doncaster Sales for 3,500 guineas, will run through his novice engagements, but Crump, who has reduced his string to 20 horses this year, has more ambitious plans for West End Lad. "I am hoping to win a Grand National with this one day", he said.

Some Hazard, second in the Newmarket Town Plate last week, improved on that performance in the Ilkley Selling Hurdle when ridden powerfully by Nigel Tinkler, aged 17, he won comfortably by three lengths from Childwell. Solin Tinkler, the trainer, said: "I bought Some Hazard only two months ago for 800 guineas at the Ascot Sales. I bought him with the intention of winning this race." It was Tinkler's first winner of the season.

Some Hazard failed to attract any attention at the subsequent auction, but Linda Payne, the wife of the Middleham trainer, claimed Peace of Mind, last of the 10 finishers, from Harry Blackshaw for 1,100 guineas. Birdcage Walk caused a surprise when bursting through on the flat to win the Newton Handicap Hurdle by an easy two and half lengths from General Moselle.

Haydock Park programme

2.15 SYCAMORE STAKES (2-y-o: £691: 6f)

1 000 China God (Mrs M. White), B. Cambidge, 9-0 — 16
5 430000 Ironbridge (Mrs D. Bebb), T. Corrie, 9-0 D. Ryan 4
6 00000 Jump For Joy (Mrs B. Trewhitt), W. A. Stephenson, 9-0 M. Birch 21
7 00 Just Dominic (Mrs N. Nuttall), P. Rohan, 9-0 J. Seagrave 10
8 30 Mac's Kilt (L. Lougher), E. Reavey, 9-0 T. Ives 5
9 000000 Porcupine Pie (Mrs G. Woolgar), K. Payne, 9-0 A. Cousins 11
10 000 Port-in-Boy (Mrs P. Barratt), E. Collingwood, 9-0 O. Grey 9
11 400030 Yodeller's Dream (G. Ashton), R. E. Peacock, 9-0 I. Johnson 3 20
15 030020 Cheb's Honour (J. Orbell), W. Holden, 8-11 P. Gunn 7 3
16 002400 Cool Shula (R. Humphreys), G. Crossley, 8-11 J. Higgins 12
17 413234 Fancy Streak (T. Taylor), J. Hardy, 8-11 C. Moss 18
18 0000 Floribel (Mrs T. Langton), P. Rohan, 8-11 E. Bromilow 15
19 00 Joyful Jet (E. Barber), J. Calvert, 8-11 F. Morby 14
20 020000 Kimlee (E. Moore), D. Plant, 8-11 C. Eccleston 8
21 000 Manx Brenda (Mrs B. Potts), S. Brookshaw, 8-11 C. Dwyer 7
24 000 My Merry Maid (J. Burton), S. Hall, 8-11 E. Johnson 2
25 0000 Precious Marina (D. Williams), T. Corrie, 8-11 R. Middleton 5 19
26 0000 Roadshow (Mrs G. Swinbank), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 G. Welsh 6
28 000 Whistling Bernie (W. Easom), H. Wharton, 8-11 S. Webster 13
29 0300 Sans un Ami (Mrs S. Powell), J. Sutcliffe, 9-0 B. Rouse 1
30 033300 Mayswing (Mrs D. McCain), D. McCain, 8-11 — 17

11-1 Sans un Ami, 4-1 Fancy Streak, 6-1 Just Dominic, 7-1 Yodeller's Dream, 8-1 Cheb's Honour, 12-1 Mayswing, 16-1 Mac's Kilt, Floribel, 20-1 others.

2.45 SPRUCE HURDLE (Handicap: £483: 2m)

1 Ormony (F. Lancaster), D. Plant, 6-12-7 Mr S. Crank 7
2 02032-0 Chammy (D) (J. Shearing), Shearing, 7-11-10 Mr G. Shearing 7
3 223-130 Destiny Hill (D) (R. McAlpine), F. Rimell, 4-11-6 Mr S. Morshead 7
4 32112-0 Space Project (R. Brown), Brown, 5-11-4 Mr R. Brown 7
5 11- Sant Angelo (D) (R. Crease-Parsons), P. Rohan, 5-11-3 Mr C. Platts 7
7 f4000f- Spy Glass (D) (W. Arnold), M. James, 6-10-12 ...
8 21-2240 Master Scorchin (D) (R. Cookson), M. Tate, 4-10-12 Mr J. Docker 5
9 23102- Yachtsman (D) (A. Perry), Perry, 5-10-8 Mr R. Greenway 5
10 040033 Space Boy (D) (Mrs N. Gittins), H. Gittins, 6-10-7 Mr M. Charles 7
11 3001-12 Van Gogh (W. Taylor), G. Wallace, 6-10-6 Mr J. Kerty 7
12 f20100- Miss Goldie (D) (I. Maddocks), Maddocks, 4-10-4
13 21130-3 Cool Imp (D) (H. Rebanks), Rebanks, 4-10-4 Mr T. Rebanks 7
14 44-3000 Timandamus (D) (T. Kersey), Kersey, 8-10-0 Mr G. Kersey 7
15 004344- Goldhills Son (J. Cooke), Cooke, 4-10-0 Mr T. R. Cooke 7
17 00-0000 Flor Fino (M. Reddan), Reddan, 4-10-0 Mr B. Todd 7
18 00300u- Crocodile (D) (J. Samuels), D. McCain, 5-10-0 Mr T. Cassidy 7

5-1 Destiny Hill, 7-2 Van Gogh, 4-1 Cool Imp, 6-1 Sant Angelo, 10-1 Master Scorchin, 12-1 Space Project, 14-1 Chammy, Space Boy, 16-1 others.

3.15 ROWAN PLATE (Handicap: 2-y-o: £690: 5f)

2 31210 Mayab (D) (A. Snipe), M. H. Easterby, 8-7 M. Birch 11
3 02104 Minstrel (C. Ansell), J. Powney, 8-2 M. Kettle 12
5 d34113 Consistor (D) (H. Green), J. Etherington, 8-1 C. Dwyer 3
6 412204 Miejac (D) (J. Harrison), J. Calvert, 7-12 R. Wernham 5 8
7 041030 Royal Pursuit (D) (G. Leatham), H. Wharton, 7-10 N. Crowther 7 10
8 03200 Aristotle (D. Sasse), Sasse, 7-10 E. Johnson 6
10 0003 Coded Scrap (C. Newton), T. Fairhurst, 7-9 C. Eccleston 7
11 243020 Fairy Caravan (Mrs M. West), L. Cousins, 7-1 — 9
14 421144 Track Anna (D) (T. Anthony), L. Shedden, 7-0 W. Wharton 7 5
15 140004 Durham Lad (D) (J. Hirst), D. Williams, 7-0 S. Webster 5 2
17 0100 Easy Boy (D) (J. Latham), K. Payne, 7-0 S. Eccles 7 4
18 0001 Doormat (D) (G. Mytton), D. Ancil, 8-1 C. Moss 1

100-30 Minstrel, 4-1 Consister, 9-2 Doormat, 6-1 Mayab, 7-1 Aristotle, 10-1 Coded Scrap, 12-1 Miejac, Fairy Caravan, 14-1 others.

3.45 SILVER BIRCH STEEPLECHASE (£1,102: 2m)

1 3121-41 Nice Palm (D) (F. Wardle), W. Hall, 7-11-9 D. Greaves
2 112021- Canadius (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 6-11-4 J. J. O'Neill
3 030111 Sir Garnet (D) (A. Kay), D. McCain, 6-11-4 S. Holland
4 3f-001 Santon Brig (D) (Mrs B. Stein), A. Dickinson, 6-11-4 M. Dickinson

5-4 Canadius, 3-1 Nice Palm, 7-2 Santon Brig, 9-2 Sir Garnet.

4.15 HAWTHORN HURDLE (Handicap: £1,035: 3m)

1 133003- Garliestown (W. Love), M. Tate, 8-11-13 Mr J. Docker 5
2 0113-f Glenshoon (D) (P. Hatton), W. Whiston, 8-11-2 R. F. Davies
7 310310- Sunshine Sam (C) (Mrs D. Richards), D. Richards, 7-10-4 M. C. Gifford
11 43-4434 Cool Angel (H. Rebanks), Rebanks, 8-10-0 Mr T. Rebanks 7
13 02030-1 Ballymoy (Mrs M. Mortimer), T. Kersey, 6-10-0 Mr G. Kersey 7
14 0104-00 The Last Light (D) (J. Dixon), Dixon, 6-11-7 J. J. O'Neill

5-2 Glenshoon, 3-1 Ballymoy, 9-2 Sunshine Sam, 11-2 Cool Angel, 13-2 Garliestown, 10-1 The Last Light.

4.45 POPLAR STAKES (Maidens: 3-y-o: £640: 2m)

6 000020 Tidal Wave (G. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 9-0 R. Wernham 5 6
9 000042 Venetian Blind (Mrs J. Brunskill), E. Collingwood, 9-0 O. Gray 9
10 000-04 Vishvamitra (K. Gujralani), S. Hall, 9-0 E. Johnson 7
12 000 Bill Sikes (G. Rickman), R. Jarvis, 8-11 T. McKeown 2
13 0-00040 Field Moss (Mrs P. Feilden), C. Smyth, 8-11 B. Rouse 1
14 000-00 Gay Whistle (C. Perks), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 T. Ives 8
19 0-003 Midao (G. Pratt), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 M. Birch 10
20 0-0000 Minewa (Mrs B. Anderson), P. Cundell, 8-11 R. Middleton 5 12
23 030400 Pahlavi Line (Ld Petersham), H. Williams, 8-11 K. White 7 8
24 04-000 Portman Square (Ld Wigg), J. Astor, 8-11 J. Seagrave 4
26 3-24042 Truly Brave (Mrs Abel Smith), B. van Cutsem, 8-11 C. Moss 11
27 030400 Quick Half (F. Markland), D. McCain, 8-11 — 3

15-8 Truly Brave, 9-2 Vishvamitra, 11-2 Tidal Wave, 7-1 Venetian Blind, 10-1 Field Moss, Midao, 12-1 Pahlavi Line, 14-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Fancy Streaky. 2.45 Destiny Hill. 3.15 MAYAB is specially recommended. 3.45 Canadius. 4.15 Ballymoy. 4.45 Vishvamitra.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.15 Minstrel. 4.45 Truly Brave.

Taunton selections

2.15 Hesperian. 2.45 Kingsclere. 3.15 Bybrook. 3.45 Irish Scholar. 4.15 Eric Victor. 4.45 Aperduet.

Hexham selections

2.0 Solitus. 2.30 Tockwith. 3.0 Spring Life. 3.30 Peapack. 4.0 Miltoy. 4.30 Forest King.

Newmarket programme

Television (IBA): 3.5 and 3.40 races

2.0 CHESTERTON PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 1m)

101 340 Allroy (Duchess of Roxburghe), J. Etherington, 9-0 — 14
102 000 Amazon Ruler (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 9-0 R. Hutchinson 25
103 024 Bagshot (Mrs J. de Rothschild), B. Hobbs, 9-0 G. Lewis 1
105 00 Black Sabbath (P. Moehan), M. Francis, 9-0 A. Murray 9
107 000000 C Minor (Mrs D. Carvalho), A. Goodwill, 9-0 R. Oxland 7 13
109 0 Doublephoto (N. Hunt), B. van Cutsem, 9-0 G. Starkey 2
110 0 Finocchio (C. St George), B. Cecil, 9-0 B. Taylor 12
111 0 Formlead (M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 9-0 R. Fox 3 3
112 0 Imperialist (Sir J. Musker), I. Balding, 9-0 J. Mercer 23
113 Insolvent (Lady Sefton), Doug Smith, 9-0 G. Baxter 5
114 Irish Horn (L. Gordon), R. Jarvis, 9-0 — 30
116 Malaspiga (C. St George), J. Hindley, 9-0 A. Kimberley 22
118 Moonlight Rag (J. Martin), H. Candy, 9-0 P. Waldron 24
120 00 Our Swallow (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-0 B. Raymond 29
122 Pickpocket (B. Howick), B. Swift, 9-0 P. Cook 10
125 33 Prince Pepe (Sir D. Clague), P. Walwyn, 9-0 P. Eddery 6
126 0 Rushmore (L. Torrant), P. Walwyn, 9-0 F. Morby 7
131 0 Score (Ld J. Crichton-Stuart), J. Hindley, 9-0 A. Kimberley 16
127 0 Sousa (J. Macdonald-Buchanan), J. Oxley, 9-0 E. Hide 21
129 0 Steel Power (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 9-0 F. Durr 23
133 000 Watergate (Eva Lady Rosebery), B. Hobbs, 9-0 B. Jago 26
135 00 Brilliant Gem (H. J. Joel), T. Waugh, 8-11 E. Eldin 19
136 Broken Record (Ld Derby), B. van Cutsem, 8-11 W. Carson 17
138 4 Flameproof (D. Blackburn), Mrs R. Lomax, 8-11 Ian Johnson 3 28
139 00 Fortissimald (Mrs R. Lamb), R. Jarvis, 8-11 M. L. Thomas 20
140 202 Helcia (Ld Howard de Walden), H. Cecil, 8-11 A. Bond 10
141 Laylandia (J. Wilson), J. Bethell, 8-11 G. Duffield 11
143 000 Roaring Mags (L. Gilbey), J. Walker, 8-11 J. Lynch 18
145 00 Double Blush (S. Player), M. Smyly, 9-0 D. Ryan 27
146 00 Spring Frolic (Mrs O. Jackson), J. Sutcliffe, 9-0 G. Sexton 4

7-2 Bagshot, 4-1 Helcia, 9-2 Prince Pepe, 7-1 Steel Power, 8-1 Flameproof, 10-1 Our Swallow, Doublephoto, 12-1 Allroy, Spring Frolic, 20-1 others.

2.30 FORDHAM HANDICAP (£1,398: 7f)

201 004000 Pastacre (CD) (V. Advani), A. Breasley, 5-9-8 F. Durr 7
203 0-11000 Merry Cricketer (C) (T. Kelly), A. Pitt, 5-9-8 E. Eldin 16
205 000002 Windy Glen (J. Brown), W. Wharton, 5-9-7 A. Murray 13
204 221000 Super Kelly (Mrs B. Attenborough), T. Corbett, 3-9-6 — 13
206 010430 Somersway (CD) (T. Parrington), W. Wightman, 5-9-5 E. Hide 9
207 410410 Rhodomantade (D) (J. Carrington), P. Makin, 4-9-4 W. Carson 14
209 123102 Kings Bonus (D) (J. Grady), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-1 K. Lewis 6 17
211 040020 Hovis (Sir M. Turner), R. Smyth, 5-8-12 T. Cain 3 2
212 310043 Nearly New (CD) (W. Norton), B. Swift, 4-8-11 P. Cook 10
213 040134 Running Jump (Mrs P. Ross), J. W. Watts, 3-8-11 J. Lowe 10
214 001101 Track Minstrel (M. Oakley), R. Mason, 6-8-8 L. Piggott 8
215 0-04030 Priestlaw (Mrs R. Armstrong), R. Armstrong, 3-8-7 B. Taylor 4
216 00-3000 The Old Pretender (C) (B. Armstrong), R. Armstrong, 4-8-6 A. Bond 3
217 0-04000 Always Faithful (C. Greaves), S. Ingham, 4-8-5 G. Lewis 1
219 010220 Messenger Boy (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 3-8-2 P. Young 5 15
220 203010 Wong Way Girl (D) (G. Curzon), R. Akehurst, 3-8-1 G. Baxter 18
224 4-00303 Circus Song (H. J. Joel), T. Waugh, 3-7-11 R. Fox 3 11
225 004033 Mark Jason (C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 3-7-9 M. L. Thomas 6

6-1 Running Jump, 13-2 Somersway, 7-1 Track Minstrel, 8-1 Windy Glen, Rhodomantade, 9-1 Kings Bonus, 10-1 Nearly New, Messenger Boy, 12-1 Wong Way Girl, Mark Jason, 14-1 Hovis, 16-1 Super Kelly, 20-1 others.

3.5 SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL STAKES (2-y-o: £2,134: 7f)

301 12 Homeboy (Lady Beaverbrook), I. Balding, 9-4 J. Mercer 9
302 021 Loh (D) (Mrs D. Goldstein), R. Akehurst, 9-4 P. Eddery 6
305 212 Market Sage (Dame E. Ackroyd), H. Collingridge, 9-1 G. Sexton 4
305 1240 Early Dawn (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-11 B. Raymond 7
306 0133 Irish Legend (P. Winstone), H. Cecil, 8-11 A. Bond 10
308 24 Count (Mrs G. Getty II), J. Hindley, 8-6 A. Kimberley 8
310 3 Seadiver (Lady Rotherwick), B. van Cutsem, 8-6 W. Carson 3
311 24 Zante (M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-6 L. Piggott 1
313 32 Mistress Page (H. Oppenheimer), H. Candy, 8-5 P. Waldron 2
314 000 Redhead (N. Frieze), R. Wragg, 8-5 B. Wilson 5

3-1 Homeboy, 9-2 Loh, 6-1 Seadiver, Zante, 7-1 Mistress Page, 10-1 Market Sage, 12-1 Count, 14-1 Early Dawn, 16-1 Irish Legend, 25-1 Redhead.

3.40 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (£4,901: 2¼m)

401 1-11 Blood Royal (D) (Mrs G. Getty II), M. O'Brien, 3-8-6 L. Piggott 5
403 13010-0 Barton Mills (J. Hindley), Hindley, 8-9-3 G. Duffield 4
404 314111 Crash Course (D) (Mrs J. Hindley), J. Hindley, 4-9-3 A. Kimberley 2
406 134230 Kambalda (D) (Mrs M. Wyatt), H. Candy, 5-9-3 P. Waldron 6
407 00020-0 Tamoric (D) (Mrs P. Conlan), L. Browne, 6-9-3 J. Mercer 1
408 000000 Thalassa (A. Richards), C. Brittain, 4-8-11 W. Carson 3

10-11 Crash Course, 6-4 Blood Royal, 10-1 Kambalda, 12-1 Tamoric, 25-1 others.

4.10 BIRDCAGE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,173: 6f)

501 330101 Kala Shikari (CD) (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 9-3 F. Durr 7
503 333402 Blue Cavalier (D) (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 8-10 L. Piggott 5
504 1211 Rippling (CD) (Mrs D. Wigan), M. Stoute, 8-7 E. Hide 6
505 41311 Lei (D) (J. McGregor), J. Dunlop, 8-8 Ron Hutchinson 2
506 31111 Hey Presto (H. J. Joel), S. Ingham, 8-7 G. Lewis 3
507 410240 Annina (C) (T. Blackwell), B. Hobbs, 8-0 — 1
510 00212 Street Choir (P. Parnell), Denys Smith, 7-6 L. Charnock 5 4

5-1 Rippling, 100-30 Lei, 4-1 Hey Presto, 5-1 Kala Shikari, 8-1 Street Choir, 10-1 Blue Cavalier, 12-1 Annina.

4.40 PARK PADDOCKS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,247: 1½m)

601 113110 Kung Fu (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-12 B. Raymond 8
602 221202 Inkuband (K. Bandisch), B. Hills, 8-10 W. Carson 6
604 111011 Regal Step (D) (Mrs B. Firestone), R. Houghton, 8-7 F. Morby 4
605 000120 Mr Fordette (R. Spackman), G. Harwood, 8-2 — 5
606 201411 Soldier Rose (Mrs M. Slade), H. Price, 8-2 A. Murray 2
608 420002 Night Adventure (R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 7-8 R. Fox 3
609 003000 Charles Martel (C) (Sir P. Oppenheimer), H. Wragg, 7-8 — 7
610 001011 Pink Palace (C) (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 7-7 M. L. Thomas 1

4-4 Pink Palace, 11-4 Soldier Rose, 4-1 Kung Fu, 11-2 Inkuband, 8-1 Regal Step, 10-1 Night Adventure, 16-1 others.

5.5 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP (1½m)

1 334124 Albrighton (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 3-8-5 A. Bond 2
2 000100 Bygone (C) (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 5-8-2 P. Eddery 1

4-6 Albrighton, 11-10 Bygone.

Newmarket selections

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2.0 Steel Power. 2.30 Somersway. 3.5 Zante. 3.40 CRASH COURSE is specially recommended. 4.10 Annina. 4.40 Pink Palace. 5.5 Albrighton.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Watergate. 2.30 Circus Song. 3.5 Seadiver. 3.40 Crash Course. 4.10 Annina. 4.40 Charles Martel.

Taunton NH programme

2.15 WIVELISCOMBE HURDLE (Div I: £306: 2m)

1 010 Hesperian, J. Thorne, 5-11-12 R. Linley
2 0 Galant Gaiden, J. Thorne, 7-11-5 P. Blacker
3 p0-0f00 Hullo Again, L. Cottrell, 5-11-6 J. Guest 7
4 0p000-0 Lisnagar, P. Upton, 5-11-5 V. Soane
5 000-p00 Lyns Legend, G. Price, 6-11-5 Mr C. Price 7
6 03000-0 Noirmont Point, J. Old, 7-11-5 C. Candy
10 Saxon Warrior, G. Vallance, 10-11-5 K. Rivers 7
12 Wind River, J. Gibson, 5-11-5 M. Gibson
14 The Ginger Horse, Miss Morris, 4-11-0 J. Francome
16 Lady Barrington, K. Eustace, 4-11-0 P. Collins 7
17 3p-00 Queen's Court, W. Fisher, 4-11-0 J. Williams
18 222p-23 Story Teller, A. Stevens, 4-11-0 R. Champion
19 00-p0 Superlative Prince, J. Gadsdon, 4-11-0 T. Hallett 7
20 33-f20f Teasing Wind, D. H. Jones, 4-11-0 J. Jenkins

3-1 Hesperian, 4-1 Teasing Wind, 5-1 Story Teller, 13-2 Noirmont Point, 8-1 Gallant Gaiden, 9-2 Wind River, 10-1 Queen's Court, 12-1 Hullo Again, 14-1 Saxon Warrior, 10-1 others.

2.45 TAUNTON CASTLE HURDLE (£272: 2m 3f)

2 03012-0 Blameless Stall, G. Williams, 10-11-5 Mr A. Williams 7
3 pf00-4 Cannelloni, R. Wilson, 6-11-5 D. Spock 7
5 000-0 Historic Myth, K. Ivory, 6-11-5 G. Thorner
8 02000p Just Paddy, F. Yardley, 10-11-5 A. Lovell 7
9 01u0-4f Palikero, G. Mullins, 7-11-5 Mr R. Callow 7
12 040-401 Fair Streak (C), I. Dudgeon, 4-11-0 R. Floyd 5
13 234 April in Norton, D. H. Jones, 6-10-12 M. Williams 7
15 Frogman Charlie, J. Gilbert, 6-10-12 Mr R. Galpin 7
16 p0- The Hickey Column, M. McCourt, 5-10-12 K. White
17 p00-0 Not Important, M. Low, 6-10-12 Mr G. Jones 5
18 304000 Paldiums Gal, W. Hawke, 8-10-12 T. Hallett 7
19 Raise The Wind, Mrs Maude, 5-10-12 Mr P. Wakeham 7
21 00-0000 Timothy Jon, O. O'Neill, 5-10-12 M. James 6
22 040004 Tipple, R. Pincombe, 7-10-12 Mr M. Reeves 5
23 000000- Vienna Mine, G. Underwood, 7-10-12 C. Brown
24 ppp0-0 Golden Shaft, P. Rempe, 6-10-12 Mr R. Mitchell 7
25 Kingsclere, M. Salaman, 4-11-0 J. Williams

3-1 Fair Streak, 4-1 Kingsclere, 11-2 Palikero, 13-2 Blameless Stall, 8-1 The Hickey Column, 9-1 April in Norton, 10-1 Just Paddy, 12-1 Historic Myth, Cannelloni, 20-1 others.

3.15 AMATEUR RIDERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 2m 3f)

2 111110 Bybrook (CD), G. Balding, 7-12-0 Mr A. Wilson
3 0 Miss Medina (CD), H. Payne, 10-11-0 Mr P. Hobbs 5
5 30p00-3 Red Rohan, F. Winter, 10-10-7 Mr S. Stanhope
8 00p0-24 Tarworth, D. Lewis, 6-10-0 Mr C. King 5
9 0244-33 Le Diable, G. Thomas, 7-10-0 Mr N. Henderson 5
10 00-0p00 Another Fiddle, C. Bewicke, 11-10-0 Mr D. Reston 7
11 21110-0 Eselle, V. Bishop, 8-10-0 Mr S. Parkyn 5

5-4 Bybrook, 5-2 Red Rohan, 4-1 Eselle, 8-1 Miss Medina, 10-1 Le Diable, 25-1 others.

3.45 THURSDAY STEEPLECHASE (£340: 3m 1f)

1 42p11f Irish Scholar, J. Thorne, 8-12-0 P. Blacker
2 202-012 Naval Power, Mrs Gaze, 6-11-5 R. Hyett
3 0440f- Guldersun, R. Blakeney, 10-11-4 J. McNaught
5 4p0-fpu Kerry Spirit, Miss Morris, 11-11-4 P. Dunstan 7
6 p-p3pf4 Lady Verdict, Mrs Kennard, 6-11-4 P. Richards 7
7 f433pf Saint-Lo, F. Yardley, 7-11-4 P. Barton 5
11 4030-03 Just Jake, V. Bishop, 6-11-4 Mr S. Parkyn 5

11-8 Irish Scholar, 4-1 Naval Power, 11-2 Just Jake, 7-1 Guldersun, 9-1 Kerry Spirit, 10-1 Lady Verdict, 14-1 Saint-Lo.

4.15 WELLINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2m)

2 Gorstanvorran, H. Wakeham, 9-11-5 Mr P. Wakeham 7
3 40000-4 Beaming Lee (D), J. Thorne, 7-11-2 R. Linley
4 443300- Pauldenham, R. Blakeney, 4-10-9 J. McNaught
5 134- Go Baby Go, H. Payne, 4-10-6 J. Guest 7
6 pp-0 Protam (CD), K. Pipe, 7-10-5 Mr G. Trelogan 7
7 0-22p00 Psalm (CD), Miss Morris, 6-10-1 M. Marshall 7
9 1-4 Eric Victor (CD), I. Dudgeon, 5-10-0 R. Floyd 5
10 000-211 Dark Sky (D), R. Kernor, 8-10-0 J. Williams
11 0000f-0 Mexlihoaire (CD), A. Stevens, 4-10-0 S. Little 7

2-1 Beaming Lee, 4-1 Eric Victor, 6-1 Go Baby Go, 13-2 Dark Sky, 8-1 Psalm, 9-1 Pauldenham, 10-1 Mexlihoaira, 14-1 Gorstanvorran, 20-1 Protam.

4.45 WIVELSCOMBE HURDLE (Div II: £306: 2m)

1 020-201 Aperduet, H. Payne, 5-11-12 J. Guest 7
2 00-4001 Breezy Boy, L. Cottrell, 5-11-12 —
4 Blue Ice, Mrs Coyne, 8-11-5 R. Champion
5 00-4300 Cagnicena, J. Powell, 5-11-5 Mr K. Morris 7
6 240-32f Cerolane, Mrs Oughton, 5-11-5 C. Read
7 000-p0 Colonial Light, G. Underwood, 5-11-5 M. Barrett 7
9 304402- Geoffs Choice, R. Blakeney, 5-11-5 J. McNaught
10 0-0p000 Johnny Kenny, R. Pincombe, 6-11-5 Mr M. Reeves 5
11 000p- May I Say, D. Jermy, 5-11-5 G. Old
13 My Bid, Miss Morris, 5-11-5 J. Francome
14 Straight Thorn, A. Hill, 7-11-5 J. King
15 Zimmer, D. Scott, 5-11-5 Mr D. Scott
17 20233-0 Forlorn Raid, L. Kennard, 4-11-0 W. Smith
18 00- Nelvorn, D. Barons, 4-11-0 S. May
20 Sparkling Tarqua, L. Cottrell, 4-11-0 P. Warner
21 p0 Gay Time II, M. Scudamore, 6-11-5 P. Dunglay 7

5-2 Aperduet, 3-1 Forlorn Raid, 11-2 Cerolane, 6-1 Breezy Boy, 7-1 Sparkling Tarqua, 8-1 Geoffs Choice, 9-1 Straight Thorn, 10-1 My Bid, 20-1 others.

Hexham programme

2.0 SUNNISIDE HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m)

3 20000-0 Brave Loot, J. Berry, 7-10-10 I. Moulton
4 pf43-00 Parachute Pine, P. Buckley, 4-10-7 D. Turnbull
5 0000-02 Crimson Carpet (CD), A. W. Jones, 10-10-5 B. Sayles
6 42-f420 Toughie (D), M. Naughton, 8-10-5 G. Hawkins
7 43020-3 Solitus, R. Stubbs, 6-10-6 S. Charlton
11 0-30400 Markus, B. Richmond, 13-10-5 M. O'Shea
14 02200-0 Black Peter, J. Vickers, 8-10-12 J. Mooney

4-... Crimson Carpet, 5-1 Solitus, 4-1 Toughie, 11-2 Markus, 8-1 Parachute Pine, Brave Loot, 11-1 Black Peter.

2.30 JOHN WETHERELL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 3m)

1 422234- San-Feliu (D), N. Crump, 12-12-7 D. Atkins
2 0273-10 Sparkie Again (C), C. Lamb, 9-11-6 Mr R. Lamb
3 4-01332 Tockwith (C), W. Page, 9-10-11 P. Ennis
4 2122-2 Quilarctic, K. Oliver, 6-10-8 C. Tinkler
7 10430p- Portholme, Lady Herries, 8-10-0 P. Broderick
8 11112p- Miles Apart (D), A. Dickinson, 8-12-7 I. Moulton 7

2-1 Quilarctic, 11-4 Tockwith, 7-2 Sparkie Again, 6-1 Miles Apart, 8-1 San-Feliu, 16-1 Portholme.

3.0 BEACON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £272: 2m)

1 Footman, Lady Herries, 5-11-12 P. Broderick
4 pf0000 Red Maple, G. Richards, 6-11-12 D. Goulding
5 0301-03 Skyjack, Lady Herries, 7-11-12 J. Doyle
6 3400-4 Spring Life, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-12 Mr P. Greenall 3
7 0- Weymouth Road, W. Page, 6-11-12 P. Ennis
8 Highland Player, B. Richmond, 4-11-7 M. O'Shea 7
9 Sir Christopher, B. Wilkinson, 4-11-7 R. A. Harrison 7
10 0-00 Snowdrill, C. Lamb, 4-11-7 R. Lamb
11 Eastern Honey, K. Hogg, 10-11-12 R. Barry
12 Victors Slave, A. Dickinson, 4-11-7 R. Powell 5

11-8 Spring Life, 11-4 Skyjack, 5-1 Victors Slave, 8-1 Red Maple, 10-1 Weymouth Road, 12-1 Snowdrill, 14-1 others.

3.30 PERCY BEWICKE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £392: 2m)

2 Arctic Explorer (CD), Ld Kilmany, 10-11-1 P. Ennis
3 0nf21-0 Rozinante (CD), G. Cubank, 8-10-10 P. Mangan
4 04-2401 Peapack (D), V. Thompson, 8-10-7 G. Holmes
7 01fC0- Filament, K. Oliver, 5-10-0 C. Tinkler
8 40104-f Ann Rose (D), A. Smedley, 8-10-0 Mr R. Smedley 7

6-4 Peapack, 11-4 Rozinante, 9-2 Filament, 7-1 Arctic Explorer, 12-1 Ann Rose.

4.0 BEACON HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2m)

1 41 Spirit of Ecstasy, B. Richmond, 4-12-0 T. Stark
2 00232-0 Birdlover, B. Wilkinson, 5-11-12 D. Atkins
3 0000-0 Fair Odds, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-12 Mr P. Greenall 3
4 204-004 Hello Louis, W. Page, 5-11-12 P. Ennis
5 pp- Jermine, J. Harris, 5-11-12 V. Percival
6 0 Miltoy, G. Richards, 5-11-12 D. Goulding
7 003- Crowded Hall, W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-7 G. Reid 7
8 30240-0 Saints Day, A. W. Jones, 4-11-7 B. Savine 7
9 00- In Chancery, A. Dickinson, 4-11-7 R. Powell 5
10 10 Salppit, T. Barnes, 4-11-7 O. Barnes

15-8 Spirit Of Ecstasy, 11-4 Miltoy, 5-1 Hello Louis, 6-1 Crowded Hall, 8-1 Birdlover, Saints Day, 12-1 others.

4.30 THREEPWOOD STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2½m)

1 00-312 Little Swift, A. Kemp, 5-11-10 V. Percival
2 0 Copper City, F. Walton, 7-11-7 J. Walton
6 2020 Madin, C. Lamb, 7-11-7 R. Lamb
7 3232-00 Old Stephen, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-7 T. Stack
9 023144- Wesby Lad, G. Richards, 6-11-7 D. Goulding
10 30300-u Brasidas, N. Crump, 5-11-6 D. Atkins
13 2-2 Drumbo (C), T. Barnes, 7-11-7 M. Barnes
14 1003-31 Forest King, K. Hogg, 6-14-7 R. Barry

4-6 Forest King, 7-2 Drumbo, 8-1 Little Swift, 14-1 Wesby Lad, 16-1 Old Stephen, 35-1 Brasidas, 33-1 Madin, Copper City.

Red Rum slips up but shows form

Red Rum, twice the winner of the Grand National, slipped up on the flat going into the final turn in the Peacock Handicap Steeplechase at Haydock Park yesterday, just as it looked as if he was going to atone for his disappointing display at Ayr last Saturday.

Mr Noel Le Mare's bay was hot on the heels of the joint leaders, Royal Frolic and Startwell, at the time. The rider, Brian Fletcher, said: "He would have undoubtedly won but for the mishap. I was much more pleased with him today, he was really running and showing all his old sparkle."

Royal Frolic and Startwell were left to jump the three fences in the straight together, and in a great race to the post John Burke landed the 7-2 chance Royal Frolic a winner by a neck.

Fred Rimell, who trained the winner, said: "Royal Frolic has improved and thickened-out since last season, when he won a maiden hurdle and two novice chases in quick succession from four outings." The Mackeson Gold Cup, a race the Kinnersley trainer has won four times, has been kept in mind for Sir Edward Hanmer's promising young steeplechaser.

Donald McCain, who was relieved that in spite of slipping up his Aintree hero had shown a return to his best form, said that plans were unchanged for Red Rum, quoted at 10-1 for next year's Grand National. The Hennessy Gold Cup and Grand National are his objectives, but his next race could be the John Eustace Smith Steeplechase at Newcastle which he won in 1973.

Roy Davies rode a fine finish on Balek to win the Grayling Novices' Steeplechase by a length from the favourite, Fugal Deal. Balek was the Staffordshire-based Anthony Perry's first runner since he was granted a full permit on Tuesday.

Brian Fletcher, before slipping up on Red Rum, captured the tough jumping event of the mixed fixture, the Brimstone Handicap Hurdle on the 10-year-old Aucklander, whom the West Auckland owner-trainer Norman Chamberlain has now placed to win six times, including once on the flat.

Paul Cook, who had his fiftieth winner this flat season at Warwick on Tuesday, rode the final four winners at Haydock Park's last meeting, and continued the sequence when he landed Fir's Hill the winner of the Comma Nursery Handicap.

Dutch May made it five wins from her last six outings when she won the Butterfly Stakes

Dubrovnik supported

Bookmakers report strong support for Dubrovnik in the Cesarewitch to be run at Newmarket on Saturday. Corals have cut his price from 12-1 to 10-1 after laying him to lose £24,000. Ladbroke's have reduced his price to 9-1 from 14-1 after one speculator back Dubrovnik to lose £17,000. In the Champion Stakes Ladbrokes now go 11-4 Star Appeal, 4-1 Allez France (from 5-1) and Rose Bowl, 7-1 the others.

Haydock Park results

2.15 (2.16) BRIMSTONE HURDLE (Handicap £483: 2m)
Aucklander, b g, by French Beige—EBS (N. Chamberlain), 10-11-1 B. Fletcher (10-1) 1
Toffee Royal, b g, by Queen's Hussar—Sugar Knob (G. Rakkindus), 8-10-0 R. F. Davies (10-1) 2
Marchi, br g, by March Past—Bomb Nesselrode (S. Bowring), 9-11-0 S. Holland (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 It fave Jane Again (4th), Time Out, 10-1 King's Fling, 12-1 Sebastapol, 14-1 Penfort, Winipole, 16-1 Kaths Bounty, 20-1 Silver Serenade, 25-1 Pavardi, Vente, Flittermere, Kabra.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 21p, 34p, 18p. N. Chamberlain, at West Auckland. ... 11.

2.45 (2.47) COMMA HANDICAP (2-y-o: £690: 7f 30yd)
Fir's Hill, b c, by Jukebox—Luluna (M. Murray), 8-5 P. Cook (7-4 fav) 1
Elle Marine, ch f, by Firestreak—Anna Lisa (Mrs Y. Elliot), 7-11 G. Eccleston (15-2) 2
Shady Desire, ch f, by Meldrum—Red Doon (A. Le Blond), 7-12 S. Webster (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Hot Symphony, Wolver Valley, 8-1 Hero Baby (4th), 13-1 Two New Pence, 13-1 Rajai, ... 14-1 Fly High, Igloo Fire, 25-1 Night Glow, Mayhem, 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 17p, 41p, 24p. S. Norton, at Barnsley. 1½l, 4l. 1min 35.00sec.

3.15 (3.15) PEACOCK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £722: 3m)
Royal Frolic, b g, by Royal Buck—Forward Miss (Sir E. Hanmer), 6-10-6 J. Burke (7-2) 1
Startwell, ch g, by Arctic Slave—Lady Tartwell (C. Connell), 8-10-1 M. Barnes (8-1) 2
Saucy Belle, b m, by Pendragon—Missie (G. Smith), 8-10-7 R. Crank (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Red Rum, 5-1 Mr Wrekin, 14-1 Sicilian Son (4th), 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 24p, 55p; forecast, £1.01. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. Nk, 30l.

3.45 (3.47) BUTTERFLY STAKES (3-y-o: £1,228: 5f)
Dutch May, ch f, by Maystreak—My Old Dutch (C. Buckton), 7-13 J. Ruchanan (5-4 fav) 1
Raffindale, gr f, by Raffingora—Wharfedale (C. Olley), 8-9 A. Murray (100-30) 2
Murrmatch, b c, by Murrayfield—Lobinstown (J. Rubin), 8-9 P. Cook (15-8) 3
ALSO RAN: 16-1 Two Ronnies (4th), 33-1 Jade Silk. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; forecast, 90p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 2l, nk. 1min 2.49sec.

4.15 (4.16) GRAYLING STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £500: 2½m)
Balek, br g, by Kahain—Queen of the Klondyke (Mrs B. Perry), 7-11-0 R. F. Davies (9-1) 1
Fugal Deal, br g, by Straight Deal—Fugal Maid (Miss V. Stead), 9-11-4 D. Greaves (100-30 fav) 2
Hijacker, b g, by Tyrone—Control Tower (Dr L. Stolosen), 6-10-11 R. Mangan (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cambridge Cuckoo, 5-1 Yog (4th), 7-1 Alvergo, 8-1 Sallys Choice, 16-1 Pallshot. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 17p, 18p, 41p; dual forecast, 48p. A. Perry, at Penbury Wells. 1l, 10l.

4.45 (4.46) RINGLET HANDICAP (£690: 1m 40yd)
Knaresboro, b c, by Privy Seal—Princess Flora (J. Hanson), 5-7-9 E. Johnson (8-1) 1
Yamadori, ch c, by Mountain Call—Village (J. Kashiyama), 3-8-10 F. Morby (6-1) 2
The Happy Hooker, gr f, by Town Crier—Legal Love (R. Deen), 4-9-9 P. Cook (7-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Lush Gold, 11-2 Red Gayle (4th), 7-1 Vidaun, 8-1 Born Gambler, 10-1 Boom Boom, 12-1 Primer, 20-1 Gulliver Lad, 33-1 Contihugh, Meadowcroft. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.09; places, 27p, 25p, 19p. J. Hanson, at Wetherby. Sh hd, 3l. 1min 44.69sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Royal Frolic, Balek, £12.20. TREBLE: Fir's Hill, Dutch May, Knaresboro, £57.80.

Wetherby NH

2.0: 1, Some Hazard (15-2); 2, Childwell (4-1); 3, Dardanella Lady (10-1). 12 ran. Blackshoal, 5-1 fav. Whistlers Boy did not run.

2.30: 1, Even Melody (8-11); 2, Oscar Lad (20-1); 3, Hedrei (25-1). 7 ran.

3.0: 1, Birdcage Walk (16-1); 2, General Moselle (4-6); 3, Devil's Soldier (15-2). 15 ran.

3.30: 1, West End Lad (5-1); 2, Tartan Tutor (11-10 fav); 3, Playbill (6-1). 5 ran.

4.0: 1, Prize Crew (4-1); 2, Easby Abbey (5-4 fav); 3, The Sundance Kid (13-8). 5 ran.

4.30: 1, Rigs (4-1 jt fav); 2, Fair Kitty (4-1 jt fav); 3, Certainly John (4-1 jt fav). 20 ran.

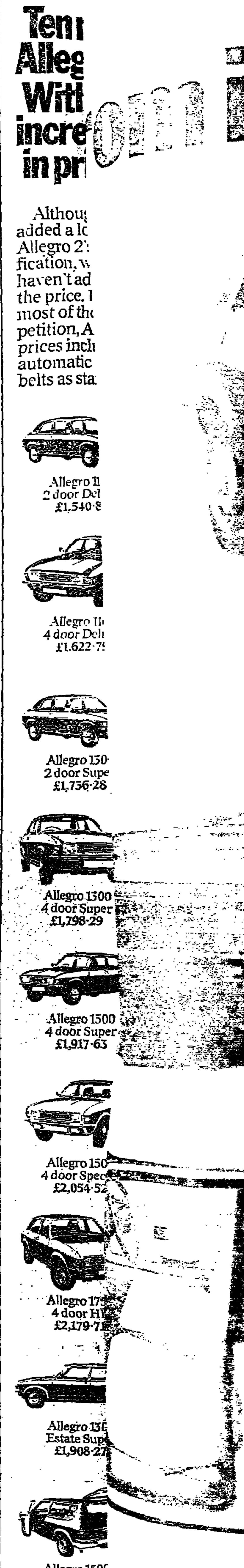
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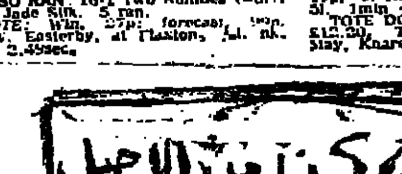
Worcester NH

2.0: 1, Fire Red (11-4); 2, Perambulate (15-8 fav); 3, Mister Fantasy (7-1). 10 ran.
2.30: 1, Brief Chance (20-1); 2, Stone Thrower (5-4 fav); 3, Headmaster (10-1). 11 ran.
3.0: 1, Black Andrew (9-1); 2, Morungu (20-1); 3, Puckham (20-1). 10 ran. Don't Widden, 9-4 fav.
3.30: 1, Our Nicholas (6-1); 2, Trustful (5-2 jt fav); 3, Buckle (5-2 jt fav). 18 ran.
4.0: 1, Gunners How (11-10 fav); 2, Laurel Branch (33-1); 3, Garden Boy (10-1). 8 ran.
4.30: 1, Hedge Hill (3-1); 2, Garrymust (9-1); 3, Elmir (13-8 fav). 12 ran.

Beetson leads

Australia, who meet Wales in the World Rugby League championship match at Swansea on Sunday, named their side yesterday. The Australians have brought a young side led by Beetson, who had a short spell with Hull Kingston Rovers.





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...African) Western Counties have been top ... could have south-eastern division of ... any rugby championship for ... seven said three years. Sussex have ... a pity bottom for the last two. The ... arrangements were only too evident at ... Rhodesia and Sussex yesterday, when Counties ... were to need five goals and six tries, ... shoulders of nail's goal and a try. Coun... Mr Smith's last game is against Surrey ... Brittle. He... Deer Park on October 29. ... with Mr Counties team are well ... control. ... He and ... full of knowledge and ... can be resource... Sussex are not. Coun... visible. —Ra... ough of the ball to ... Salisbury on... o matches, and could ... Because... ste some of it. Sussex ... explanat... all right, from time ... and even took a couple ... relevant against the head. But ... too hesitant and dis... South Af... find the scrummage to ... to be a ... They lost their num... Mr Smith's ... William Vernon, with ... urgent ... ry, and their full back, ... with a shoulder injury ... Mr Smith... But Counties were a ... Southern Af... o ahead by then in any ... there is no ... ard, in his first county ... increasing ... played thoughtfully and ... Rhodesian whites ... for Counties at stand... of the word ... the position usually ... could be happy ... by Byrne. He did not ... over our. ... but had a hand or foot in ... Smith may ... tries. The rest played well, ... Rhodesia Front ... though they also did slap... congress ... things that a better side ... him a free ... Essex would certainly have ... ...lem pay for. ...tirement but ... most spectacular contribu... ...rugby ... the entertainment on an ... by part... of Indian summer was ... He began on the left wing ... ...ged to the right in the ... half. He scored five tries ... and converted his fifth, which was Counties' last. To say that every time he received the ball we expected a try was not far short of the truth. Towards the end of the game Sussex seemed to expect it too.

Counties' tries in the first half were scored by Wyatt (four), Woodall, and Ling. Jorden kicked three conversions. Vinter made the running for three of these tries. Clive Vernon scored a try for Sussex, from a break by Philp, whose prompting was one of the few positive features about Sussex's performance.

Sussex strove to make a hit at the beginning and end of the second half, but in between it was Counties who did the scoring. Martin (two), Vinter, Bucknall, and Wyatt went over for tries—Martin in one instance with the aid of a dummy unlooked for in a lock forward—and Jorden and Wyatt kicked a conversion each. Jorden, however, was not in his best form as a place-kicker, and it was surprising that he did not make way earlier for Wyatt. Maunstone kicked a penalty for Sussex.

EASTERN COUNTIES: A. M. Jorden (Bedford), capt; R. Woodall (Richmond), I. R. Vinter (Saracens), D. J. Ling (Ipswich), D. M. Wyatt (Bedford); C. Woodward (Harlequins), J. J. Page (Northampton); G. Hallward (Bedford), P. D. Keith-Roach (Rosslyn Park), K. Cairns (Saracens), A. D. Rodgers (Rosslyn Park), N. O. Martin (Harlequins), A. L. Bucknall (Richmond), A. T. Hollins (Bedford), D. Starling (Rosslyn Park).

SUSSEX: R. Wilcox (Lewes, sub, R. Malinstone, Lewes); J. Harker (Guy's Hospital), R. Ellis (Hastings and Bexhill), S. Beamish (Crowborough), C. Vernon (Crowborough), T. Tyrrell (Lewes), R. Philp (Richmond); R. Pearce (Esher), D. Allwood (Lewes, captain), B. Robinson (Lewes), M. Handley (Chichester), P. Knight (Lewes), T. Newman (Crowborough), P. Coulsdon (Worthing), W. Vernon (Crowborough, sub R. Rudd, Old Millhillians).

Referee: D. Jones (Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire).



The end of the chain: Chalk, Hampshire's hooker, halts the progress of Link, Surrey's No 8, during the match at Basingstoke yesterday.

Hampshire emerge with a hiding

By Peter Marson

Hampshire 9 Surrey 32

Surrey made a successful beginning to a new season in the South-Eastern division of the county rugby championship when they gave Hampshire something of a hiding in the sunshine at Basingstoke yesterday. Winning by a goal, five tries and two penalty goals to a goal and a penalty goal, Surrey underlined their superiority in the second half when they ran in six tries.

Hammond, a Harlequin, scored three of these from Surrey's left wing which, with one scored in the first half, made him the top scorer by a long way with 16 points. Hampshire, who were obliged to begin without Merrick, the Navy and Richmond No 8, who was late in spite of his dash from Chatham, kicked off down the slope with the sun and the wind at their backs.

Following an exchange in kicks for goal by the full backs, Fryatt and Hiller, Hiller succeeded and landed a penalty goal from 35 yards out. For a brief period Hampshire managed to hold Surrey in check, but it seemed then that that situation would prevail only as long as it took Surrey time to assume command.

That moment had appeared to arrive after half an hour in the first half when Legg drove forward powerfully and led Surrey into a ruck outside Hampshire's line. With the ball coming quickly into Weston's hands, a short pass to the blind side was all that was needed to put Hammond over for his first try by the left corner flag. Yet, Hampshire were fortified by a penalty goal by Fryatt and positively inspired by a try from their left wing, Hayman.

It was an excellent try and born of Reid's fiery, bustling run and a ruck 40 yards out on Hampshire's right flank. The half backs and three-quarters handled briskly and with impressive timing, and Fryatt's appearance in the line gave Hayman the room he needed to stretch his legs and dive to score in the corner. Fryatt suitably crowned a fine movement with his conversion. With half time seconds away, Surrey had a moment to ponder the score at seven points to nine

If Hinton, Surrey's captain, gave a short matter-of-fact lecture, no one would have been surprised. Indeed, no one was surprised when Surrey suddenly cut loose to hit Hampshire hard and often. After good work by the forwards and Weston at their heels, the backs handled smartly, occasionally with no little enterprise.

Hammond apparently had been chosen as the implement with which Surrey would hammer home their message. Hiller converted the second of Hammond's three tries and landed a simple penalty goal before Link and finally Austin spoiled Harlequins's monopoly by scoring the last two tries.

HAMPSHIRE: P. Fryatt (Tollentians); N. Hayman (US Portsmouth), A. Jones (US Portsmouth, captain), C. Jeffries (Havant), J. Blackell (US Portsmouth), A. Dyson (Basingstoke), J. Byrd (Basingstoke), J. Ackerman (US Portsmouth), M. Chalk (Havant), M. Morris (Basingstoke), M. Ridley (Richmond), J. Sydall (Havant), P. Dunn (US Portsmouth), P. Reid (Richmond), A. Dowrick (Trojans).

SURREY: R. Hiller (Harlequins); G. Lloyd (Rosslyn Park), P. Grant (Harlequins), K. Hughes (London Welsh), R. Hammond (Harlequins); J. Austin (Sutton and Epsom), L. Weston (Rosslyn Park); A. Shortlands (Wasps), P. Smith (Rosslyn Park), P. Hinton (Rosslyn Park, captain), B. Peters (Wasps), J. Battersby (Camborne), J. Legg (Harlequins), G. Link (Rosslyn Park), P. Hearn (Richmond).

Referee: P. E. Hughes (Manchester and District Society).

Boxing

Burns wants Finnegan back in training for European title

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

Chris Finnegan's next title goal, having regained the British light-heavyweight boxing championship at the Albert Hall from Johnny Frankham on Tuesday night, is the European title at 12st 7lb.

Yesterday Finnegan's manager, Sam Burns, told me: "I want Chris to be back in action as soon as possible, because that suits him much better than sitting around with nothing to do except celebrate with his friends, and he does thrive on hard training, because he is so dedicated. We want to go for the European title because, at 31, Chris is entitled to make as much money as soon as he can. We would go anywhere for the chance including Italy, and I'm afraid Frankham will have to wait a little for any possible third fight for the British title."

In any case, Mr Burns pointed out, the BBBC have already arranged a British title eliminator between Tim Wood and Roy John, which must take precedence over a third Finnegan-Frankham contest for the championship.

Mr Burns told me that the cut by Finnegan's left eyebrow which bled during the fifth and 14th rounds against Frankham, was not serious and had needed no stitches. He added: "I'm quite ready for Chris to have another contest before any European title bid. He did feel exhausted towards the end of the Frankham fight, but when I spoke to him this morning he was fine, and I hope that he will be back in the gym next week training with his brother Kevin, who is preparing to meet Alan Minter for the British middleweight title at Wembley on November 4. In the meantime we are leaving it to the BBBC to advance Chris's claims for a shot at the European title."

Chris Finnegan's victory at the Albert Hall on Tuesday ended with a clear margin of points for him which suggested that the referee, Wally Thom, had given Finnegan seven rounds, Frankham two, and made the rest even. I agreed with that score for this was a much less finely decided bout than the previous encounter between these two, in June, when Frankham won on points amid as many boos as cheers.

Finnegan made the most of his advantage in height and reach and, even more important, of his invaluable experience against a much better class of opponent, including Britain's world champion, John Conteh, and the American, Bob Foster, than Frankham has ever boxed.

In the fifth and sixth rounds Finnegan was hustled out of his stride as the blood trickled down the left side of his face but, thanks to good work in his corner, he soon began to reapply the pressure and had Frankham wobbling in the 11th and 12th rounds, though the defending champion came back strongly in the 14th.

Danny McAlinden, the former British heavyweight champion, who won in the third round against Rudell Dupree, of the United States, on Tuesday, may have to wait a little while before challenging Richard Dunn for the title he once held. Dunn is hoping for a chance at the European championship held by Jean-Pierre Coopeman, of Belgium, and that contest could possibly be staged at Wembley next month, though a formal announcement to that effect is still awaited.

*** We regret that because of circumstances beyond our control we were unable to publish a report of the Finnegan-Frankham bout yesterday.*



All friends after a bruising contest: Chris Finnegan (left) and Johnny Frankham.

Paris, Oct 15.—Carlos Monzon, of Argentina, will defend his world middleweight boxing title here against the European champion, Gratien Tonna, of France, on December 13, the organizers said here today.—Reuter.

Papua ... has lunch ... with th...

...gentina score good win ...r strong French side

...assonne, Oct 15.—Argen... touring rugby union team ... a useful 9—3 win over a ... Midi-Languedoc selection ...re today only four days ... their first international ... against France. The only ... to be rested was Alejandro ...lini, a burly centre who ... sprained wrist.

...entina's forwards were more ...cing in the loose and re... the ball quicker to their ...quarters who looked fast and ...ful. Gonzalo Beccar-Varela, ... made a good impression at ... off half in their 10—3 win ... a second division XV last ...y—the first victory over a ...h side in 40 matches—played ...e left wing.

... was in the right place in ... 9th minute to finish off a ...move and go over for the game's only try. Hugo Porta, a veteran stand-off, was successful with the conversion to add to the three points he scored after only four minutes with a penalty goal.

Jean-Michel Benacloi, a sprightly full back with the Racing Club de Narbonne, kicked a penalty goal for the French selection team. Argentina lost their hooker, Corca, who received a blow to the head after 24 minutes, but his replacement, Casas, fitted well into a forceful pack.—AFP.

Fixture arranged

The rugby match between Liverpool and Leicester in the first round of the John Player Cup has been arranged for November 22. Sale have released Liverpool from the fixture originally arranged for that date.

Motorcycling

Weather causes problems for surviving riders

Torrential rain and hail hit the international six-day trials in the Isle of Man yesterday and caused severe problems for the surviving riders. Within half an hour of the start of the third day, more than 50 riders were running late.

An official said: "It is wet—very wet. Riders are facing a mixture of heavy rain and hail and it is making things very difficult for them."

Britain's two trouble-hit teams appeared to have run into further problems. Their worries began even before the trial started, when two of the six-man International Trophy team had to be replaced. Then, on Monday, they lost Jefferies when he injured a shoulder in a crash. Price, in the Silver Vase team, went out with a knee injury on Tuesday.

By the second checkpoint yesterday two more men were overdue. They were Pease (International Trophy) and Higgins (Silver Vase).

The overnight leaders of both competitions—West Germany in the International Trophy and Czechoslovakia in the Silver Vase—maintained their progress.

Athletics

Ban for drug use threatens some British throwers

By Neil Allen

Some leading British throwers may be disqualified for taking the illegal anabolic steroids when the European Congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation meets in Rome from November 5. I believe that some tests on drug-taking by leading European athletes last summer may have proved positive.

Mr John Holt, the executive director of the IAAF, would not be drawn on this subject when I spoke with him yesterday. But he did confirm that tests, and their findings, have recently been studied.

After the meeting of the IAAF in Rouen last weekend it is now certain that an athletics World Cup will be staged in 1977, possibly in Düsseldorf. There will be eight men and women's teams competing, and the participants will be the first two in the European Cup, plus one other European selection, and representatives from the United States, the Americas, Oceania, Asia and Africa. Mr Holt said: "Our world championships are still the Olympics, but we see the World Cup as an opportunity to give additional status to our sport. Any money made from the fixture would be ploughed back into the various international regions."

The IAAF will be regarding the Canadian athletics championships in Montreal on June 21 as virtually a rehearsal for the Olympic athletics, whatever the state of the main stadium by then. The federation will have at least two observers studying the standard of officials and stadium facilities. It has been agreed that the Olympic marathon will start one hour later, at 5.30 pm, as will the 20,000 metres walk, in view of the excessive heat experienced in Montreal last July and August.

In spite of rumours to the contrary, the official entry for the Olympic athletics will still be a minimum of one athlete a country in each event without having had to achieve a qualifying standard, and a maximum of three, all of whom will have had to have reached the stringent standards of the federation. I understand there is still a possibility that by the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, both the 20,000 and 50,000 metres walks will be back on the Olympic programme. At the request of the International Olympic Committee, which is searching for cuts in the massive Olympic programme, the 50,000 metres walk will not be staged in Montreal.

Stewart in relay

Ian Stuart, the European indoor 3,000 metres champion, leads Birchfield Harriers in the national six-stage road relay championship at Wimbledon Common on Saturday. A record 37 teams have entered, including defending champions Liverpool Harriers, Belgrave, Bolton United, Cardiff and Tipton.

Ipswich oppose move

Less than 24 hours after Ipswich became the British speedway league champions, John Berry, the club's general manager, warned that he will oppose the rider control system if there is any attempt to allocate any of his riders to other clubs for next

Police unchanged

Metropolitan Police, who lost at Coventry last week, keep the side for their game at New Brighton on Saturday. Team: R. Allison; S. Tiddy, M. Gray, M. Couch, J. Hilldge; D. Nagler, I. Burrell; G. Swift, B. Gage, R. Potter, R. Boyes, A. Patrick, A. Moore, S. Hughes, A. Lafian.

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...Ashurst, the manager of ...ham, is joining Sheffield ...sday as successor to Steve ...haw, who was sacked on ...r 1.

...rst, who is being released ... through a three-year con... ...ill complete the formalities ...orning, having discussed ... with Sheffield Wednesday ... in London yesterday. ...y Toms, Gillingham's first ...oach, will be going with ...

...rst joined Gillingham at ...t of last season as replace... ...r Andy Nelson, who moved ...rlton Athletic.

Sunderland refuse to sell Hughes

Sunderland yesterday announced that they had turned down the second offer from Leeds United for Hughes, their 26-year-old forward.

Hughes, who has been available for transfer since July, was taken off the list on Friday and Sunderland's new attitude is that they are not prepared to part with him at any price.

Sunderland's manager, Bob Stokoe, said that Leeds United's first offer had been an "insulting" £75,000. Leeds's second offer, believed to be £125,000, was made on Tuesday and rejected.

Joe Jordan, the Leeds United and Scotland international player, will be able to start playing again next week. Jordan, who has had a groin strain which has stopped him playing at all this season, will appear for the reserves against Sheffield Wednesday reserves next Tuesday.

Another Scottish international, McQueen, whose ankle is still troubling him, is likely to miss Saturday's game at Birmingham City.

Daniel, the Derby County defender has resumed training after a pelvic injury and could be back in action next month. Daniel, who played well as deputy for McFarland last season, had been expected to be out of action until Christmas, but he has made good progress.

The league leaders, Queen's Park Rangers, will not know until late this week whether their centre half, McLintock, will be fit to play against Burnley at Turf Moor on Saturday. McLintock limped off in the 64th minute of Rangers' third round League Cup replay at Charlton on Tuesday, after aggravating a groin injury.

Harry Gregg, the Crewe Alexandra manager, will appear before an FA disciplinary commission in Birmingham today at his own request to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. Gregg was reported by the referee after the Football League Cup first round replay against Tranmere on September 2. The referee ordered Gregg from the touchline.

UEFA fine Ararat

Zurich, Oct 15.—Ararat Yerevan, the Russian Cup holders, who meet West Ham United in the European Cup Winners' Cup second round next week, have been fined 2,000 Swiss francs (about £360) following their match against a Cypriot team in the first round. The European Football Union imposed the fine for breaking the rules about numbering players in the match against Anarthosis Famagusta which was drawn 1—1. Ararat won 10—1 on aggregate.—Reuter.

Craven suspended

John Craven, of Coventry City, has been suspended for three matches. Craven, whose caution at Burnley on October 4 took him to the 20-point mark, starts his suspension this Saturday.

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Lloyd, of Essex, ranked ...n Britain, reached the last ... the Spanish tennis cham... ...ps by beating Jurgen ...der 6—4, 7—5 here today. ... next opponent will be ...des, who in Madrid on ... won a tournament for the ...e since he was Wimbledon ...n in 1973.

... two met last May in ...man championships: and ... as serving for the match ... and 30-all in the third ... they had two long rallies ...es won both of them by ...o the net on perfect ... shots. The match was ...n a windy evening and ...odestly reckons Kodes ... at his best. But at 21 ... beginning to play with ...ing ... maturity and ... self-confidence. After ...within two points of beat... ...es in Hamburg, he has ...n to be intimidated here.

Lloyd looked a talented ...t player and a resilient ...r. He worked hard, ...nsibly and soundly (more ... than Fassbender), and ... unusually well. The ... has more experience, ... on clay, and was pre... ...ard to beat. Fassbender ...et points when serving ... the first set. In the ...ed 5—2. But Lloyd ...ve successive games ... Lloyd needed ... his concentration ... But from start to ... wavered in his ...ation to answer the ...t questions Fassbender ...m.

...atch was punctuated by a ...distracting interruptions ...umpire descended from ... to inspect marks in the ... of the players and two ... boys. Lloyd said later ...ould have preyed on his ... he accepted any doubt... ...s against such a fair ...

...was 0—3 down against ...na but then managed to ... workman busy with a ... and won seven succes... ...seless games. Manuel ... who easily beat Barry ...oore, is having only his ...k of competitive tennis ... won the United States ...hip. At last he is get... ...practice and beginning ...orm again. Today it was announced that Orantes had signed a three-year agreement to use Slazenger rackets, preferring to maintain the British association (at a record cost to Slazenger) rather than accept any of the other "fantastic" offers he has had. "Every day I had a new offer" Orantes said. "I had all those things in my head. It was difficult to play. But now I am thinking about tennis. Forest Hills was very big. But it was not the end of the world. Life must go on."

Colin Dowdeswell, aged 20, a Rhodesian born at Wimbledon, will be the Spaniard's next opponent. Dowdeswell is tall and talented and has the loose-limbed grace of all natural athletes. He is studying—partly at the University of Witwatersrand and partly by correspondence—for a degree in commerce. But this does not seem to have done his tennis any harm. Last weekend his energies were drained by influenza. But today he was strong enough to dispose of that teasing clay-court player, Jairo Velasco, who reckoned his right foot had been damaged by a hard match yesterday.

Dowdeswell v Velasco was merely one modest treasure tucked away on outside courts hidden among tall hedgerows. Another was that in which Jiri Hrebecx beat Lito Alvarez. But as tough a batch as any was that in which Onny Parun finally beat Ray Moore.

This was a day containing nothing that was startling but much that was enduringly interesting. We were grateful for the vertiginous walkway, a kind of man-made city wall, that offered a comprehensive, bird's-eye view of the premises. When the entertainment was over we were left with these pairings: Vilas v Hrebec; Dibbs v Parun; Borg v Gannubal; Kodes v Lloyd; ...auffret v Filiol; Higueras v Nastase; Meilor v Panatta; and Dowdeswell v Orantes.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: E. Dibbs (US) beat B. Milton (S Africa), 6—4, 6—1; O. Parun (NZ) beat H. Moore (S Africa), 6—4, 5—7, 6—2; B. Borg (Sweden) beat S. Stewart (US), 6—1, 6—0; J. Lloyd (GB) beat J. Fassbender (W Germany), 6—4, 7—6; J. Filiol (Chile) beat Jasbir Singh (India), 6—3, 6—4; K. Meiler (W Germany) beat R. Cano (Argentina), 6—1, 3—5, 6—3; A. Panatta (Italy) beat A. Barranco (Spain), 6—1, 6—2; M. Orantes (Spain) beat B. Phillips-Moore (Australia), 6—1, 6—3; G. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Edison (Mandarino (Brazil), 6—1, 6—1; J. Hrebec (Czechoslovakia) beat J. Alvarez (Argentina), 6—2, 7—6; J. Gonzalez (Argentina) beat H. Eisenbroich (W Germany), 7—6, 6—2, 6—7, 6—3; J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia) beat I. Molina (Colombia), 6—3, 6—1; F. Jauffret (France) beat A. Munoz (Spain), 6—4, 7—5; I. Higueras (Spain) beat G. Pinner (W Germany), 6—1, 6—1; J. Nastase (Rumania) beat H. Bohmann (W Germany), 6—3, 6—3; C. Dowdeswell (Rhodesia) beat J. Velasco (Colombia), 7—6, 6—0, 6—3.

Golf

Only Huish sound and calm enough for victory

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

A Scottish pair, David Huish and Bob Jamieson, saved the day for Britain in the first series of matches against the club professionals of the United States at Hillside, Southport, yesterday. The visitors lead 3—1 in the four-somes; today come four-ball matches, followed tomorrow by eight singles. Thus the United States need only another five and a half points for victory.

Huish, leader this year of the Scottish order of merit, proved himself once again a thoroughly handy golfer, with good nerves and a sound method. He was the cement in the partnership although Jamieson is not without experience, having won both his matches with the same partner last year when the match was held in the United States.

Huish first showed his quality by holing from seven feet on the first green to save the half, after the other three British pairs had lost the opening hole. At the fourth he holed from 15ft to win the hole with the opponents missing from five feet for the half. That made Britain two up for the Americans had lost a ball off the second tee. The Americans were in trouble again at the fifth, and two down became four down for them when Jamieson pitched to six feet at the sixth for a birdie. The British were out in 35, one under par, the best of the day.

Destructive strokes by Jamieson at the 11th and 12th, where his three wood to the green was never seen again, and at the 14th reduced the lead to one, but Huish hit a long iron to the 15th green to restore the position after the opponents had caught the guarding bunker. It was Huish again who strengthened the position by finding the middle of the 16th green, a shot of almost 200 yards.

The nearest to making a fight of it in the other three matches was when Sewell, the British club champion, had a six foot chance to square the match at the 14th after he and Sadler had won back the 13th in the second match. But he failed and when he played too strongly from the edge of the next green for his partner to hole, it was clear that the cutting edge to his short game was no longer there. One had no right to expect that it would be, for as at every other level, the Americans are more experienced. To qualify as a club professional they must not have played in more than ten scheduled tournaments.

For the British that qualifying figure is not more than three tournaments. Like the British, the American team are picked from the first nine to finish in their national club professional championship, but with more than 10,000 players eligible, the survivors have to go through a tough sectional sifting first. Their champion, Watson, and Glover, who played the full tour with considerable success in the late '60s, were level par for their 14 holes. In that top match, Waites was one of those in the British team who found the occasion too difficult but he may, now that the ice is broken, show up better in the four-ball matches for which the British pairings are unchanged, although the Scots today will lead the way. Faulkner, the remaining British member, will no doubt be given a chance in the singles by his non-playing captain, Christy O'Connor.

The use of the bigger ball was compulsory and this in a good breeze on a 6,850 yards course was perhaps an adverse factor for the British who, below full tournament level, may not be used to it.

FOURSOMES: B. Waites and I. Richardson (GB) lost to R. Watson and R. Glover (US), 5 and 4; D. Sewell and A. Sadler (GB) lost to E. Famula and B. Lichardus (US), 5 and 1; R. Hiller and D. Scanlan (GB) lost to R. Lotellier and J. Wright (US), 3 and 2; R. Jamieson and D. Huish (GB) beat B. Benson and M. Verbrugge (US), 3 and 1.

Casper heads strong field

Como, Oct 15.—Billy Casper, the American veteran, is favoured to win the Italian open golf tournament starting at Monticello tomorrow in the absence of the winners of the last two years. Peter Oosterhuis, the champion last year, and Tony Jacklin who won in 1973, are to miss the event.

A strong field, however, will contest the first prize of 4,350,000 lire (£3,100) over the 6,835 yard Parkland course in the shadow of the Italian Alps. Brian Barnes, the French open champion, heads a British and Irish challenge which includes Guy Hunt, John O'Leary, Eamonn Darcy and Tommy Horton, who all played in the Ryder Cup.

Vicente Fernandez, of Argentina, is the leading South American and Andries Oosthuizen represents South Africa. Severiano

Badminton

Tredgett defends title against internationals

Michael Tredgett, a Gloucestershire and England badminton international player, defends his Worcestershire open singles title at Redditch tomorrow and Saturday.

Margaret Beck, the women's champion, is not playing and leaves the way clear for Gillian Gilks, the triple Commonwealth and European champion, to win the title. The top seeds in the men's event are Paul Whetnall and Raymond Stevens, both internationals.

Cincinnati Reds lead

Cincinnati, Oct 14.—The National League champions, Cincinnati Reds, beat the American League winners, Boston Red Sox, 6—5 in 10 innings to lead the best-of-seven world baseball series 2—1.—Reuter.

Ice hockey

WORLD LEAGUE: Quebec Nordiques 8, Edmonton Oilers 5; Calgary Cowboys 5, Indianapolis Racers 3; Toronto Toros 6, Houston Aeros 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 6, Montreal Canadiens 5; St Louis Blues 5, Kansas City Scouts 1; Vancouver Canucks 7, Washington Capitals 3.

Tuesday's results

League Cup, third round replay

Burnley (1)	1	Liverpool (0)	0
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Burnley home in Leicester			
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BOOKS

Terribly nice little men

The Cecil King Diary 1970-1974
(*Cape*, £5.95)

95 per cent is Crap
A Plain Man's Guide to British Politics

By Terry Arthur
(*Liberation Books*, £3.50 & £1.75)

The present world crisis of government and the imagination is partly one of language and contact. Writers like Nabokov and George Steiner, citing the pollution of the Russian and German vocabularies by the needs of totalitarian rulers, have pointed this out to us for some years; the Watergate tapes have demonstrated—no less fearfully for being so ludicrous—how far the fouling has spread into American-English.

If you cannot believe what people in office say anymore it is no longer simply because they are trying to conceal their viewpoint from you, but quite often because they have no viewpoint at all. Remember President Coolidge? ("If we allow high unemployment there will be a lot of people out of work", or, in another version, "When a great number of people are unable to find work unemployment results".) Coolidge was a portentous ass: a lot of people in public life are beginning to talk like that now. Nice Robert Carr, for example: "I think we have got to reserve prisons for those who have got to be locked up." (*Guardian*, November 1, 1973.)

And a very good thing, said Alice.

The chief difference between these two spirited accounts of Britain in the first half of the 1970s is that Mr Cecil King, meeting them privately over lunch or dinner, still listens to what people say and sets it down in his Diary as though it had an absolute historical importance, and Mr Terry Arthur, a 35-year-old rugger Blue and qualified actuary reading the papers and party manifestos carefully in Edgbaston, does not. Mr Arthur thinks, in fact, that 95 per cent of all public political statement is tautologous, phoney and misleading—in a word, crap.

Where the remaining 5 per cent of nutritious, body-building foodstuffs are to be found he does not say, declaring no allegiance save to clear thinking and honest language but he concludes by advising us all to express contempt for our Con, Lab and Lib leaders by spoiling our ballot papers at the first opportunity. *The Cecil King Diary* and *95 per cent is Crap* are of a mind here. "This election campaign is a flaming disgrace", wrote Mr King last October and, for the first time in his life, did not vote. Both books, too, ignore as largely irrelevant the prescribed exchange of words in the House of Commons. "Didn't anyone have some real ideas in 1974?" asks Mr Arthur. Yes, replies Mr King to the same question: Ian Paisley, "an honest man and a nice man".

King's close study of Irish affairs is the most rewarding and original element in his new book. It is the subject which comes to engage his mind even above inflation and on which he expresses the most positive programme of his own: in brief, an independent Ulster as the preliminary to a reunited Ireland. This makes three suppositions: that Paisley is the statesman King believes him to be; that the independence of Ulster will not be followed by a massacre of Catholics in the North; and that the political power of Rome is indeed, as King claims, declining all over the world. King remained in close personal touch with both Paisley and Whitelaw throughout the Heath years and has now gone to live in Dublin. It will be interesting to have an outside view, in time, of his private role in a permanent settlement.

Volume One of *The Cecil King Diary* (1972) covered the Wilson administrations from 1965 to 1970, including Mr King's spectacular removal of the *Daily Mirror's* support for the Labour Government in May, 1968 ("Enough is Enough"), and the no less spectacular removal of Mr King from the *Daily Mirror* two and a half weeks later. The second volume, quite as riveting and valuable as its predecessor, covers the four years in power of a man King likes much better than Wilson and wishes well, but whom he depicts throughout as bonehead to the point of political suicide. It is typical of King's realistic political psychology that he attributes the accession of Margaret Thatcher to the fact that alone of Heath's colleagues she possessed not merely the ambition but also the courage to challenge him. The rest were too "nice" or too feeble. The *Diary* is full of nice men, nice little men, terribly nice little men; there is even one grand little man. One unhappy junior Minister is described (several times) as the wettest man in the House.



The winner.

No, you must buy the book. It's good enough.

Political courage implies a willingness to risk professional destruction or at least unpopularity and the overwhelming conclusion of both writers is that political courage is almost extinct. Bad news is administered like a delicious sleeping draught because the words and phrases—standard of living, balance of payments, negotiable, threshold, parity, public accountability, massive cutbacks, freedom, equality, opportunity—are, let us hope temporarily, battered beyond use. Heath himself had political courage but totally lacked the complementary political virtues—correct assessment of the public *mood*, willingness to accept criticism and amend policies accordingly—needed to make courage function practically. Latter-day leaders of the pack like Shawcross and Robens are pictured back in their dens, awaiting inevitable dissolution and dictatorship in a spirit of Senecan exhaustion.

Are *they*, in fact? How reliable a reporter is King? One certainly gets the impression that guests are invited by rota from all the areas of opinion with which King is in touch (no Wilson, of course, no Jenkins, no Liberals, no one from the *Observer* or the *Guardian*, but lots of chummy and helpful sessions with Douglas Houghton, John Peyton, John Stonehouse, Brian Walden, and Hugh Fraser) in order to obtain information and provide copy for the Diary. Very few—Vic Feather and Hubert Beuve-Méry among them—seem to mind being so used: they are described as "friendly, but reticent".

The views of the rest, themselves often reporting the views of absent third parties on an absent fourth, sound reasonably accurate, if occasionally fantastical in content, although I suspect King must have converted many a tentative sigh over lunch to a cry of despair that all is lost. Only time can tell what little distortions are involved in such a technique, and whether they matter at all; for the present, the gain in sheer punch and readability is enormous. King is so cool he burns your fingers, and curiously humourless (watch him with Jimmy Savile) but *The Cecil King Diary* makes terrific reading, and might even help our public servants to be have themselves.

It has a better chance of doing so than *95 Per Cent is Crap*, because no one has heard of Mr Arthur nor yet of Libertarian Books, whose first title this seems to be (address: Cranfield Book Service, Wharley End, Bedford). Taking extracts from a random sample of sources between September 1, 1973 and March 31 this year—the most recent Conservative, Labour, Liberal, National Front and Communist Party manifestos, *The Guardian* on Mondays and Fridays for political and City reporting and comment, the 1974 Reith Lectures by Ralf Dahrendorf—Arthur examines their obfuscations of our language and logic under 13 headings: Newspeak Crap, Cheeky Crap, Useless Crap, Yes-and-No Crap, Fashionable Crap, etc, et. Elegant and incisive caricatures by Cummings illustrate the argument—and the Crap—to perfection.

The force of Mr Arthur's fury is mitigated by a distracting facetiousness, not to mention the selectivity of the samples themselves (there are many different kinds of Fleet Street Crap, etc, etc. Elegant and *Eye* knows, and any reader of the *Eye* will enjoy this book) but in the main his arguments are tenacious and subtle and his examples horribly funny. It remains for me only to declare that the outright individual winner, with 13 entries, is the Prime Minister, with Sir Geoffrey Howe a worthy runner-up (8), and that it is surely time, in the words of Peter Hain, to restore a governable situation and arrest the tide.

Michael Ratcliffe

Tales from the tracks

The Great Railway Bazaar
By Paul Theroux
(*Hamish Hamilton*, £4.50)

For Paul Theroux the journey not the arrival mattered.

I don't think time can pass more slowly than in a railway carriage parked in the rain between two low walls of jungle in Upper Burma.

Yet even at this worst moment the way he tells it his railway trek across Europe, southern Asia and back again through Russia was never boring (frightening, yes) and always crowded with incident. To him there is no better way of assimilating a landscape, a nation, people than travelling by train.

Theroux is in turns raconteur, gossip, guide and reporter. A column of figures in Cook's Continental comes to life in his hands, echoing Charles Mackay:

Blessings on Science, and her handmaid Steam!
They make Utopia only half a dream.

There is no better example of the Theroux touch than the extract published in our Saturday Review last week on the Local to Maymyo. There he was quoting Mark Twain's definition of a Hindu; two chapters before he uses an unidentified chunk of descriptive, only afterwards revealing that it is the best description of Calcutta—Todger's corner of London in chapter nine of *Martin Chuzzlewit*. Earlier still he shows his range with Frayn, Trollope and Burroughs all in a few pages.

Such allusion is appropriate. Whereas air travel is "like going in a submarine", an international antiseptic, trains contain "the essential paraphernalia of a nation's culture"—not least prayer mats in Iran, samovars in Russia, noodle stalls in Malaya. No wonder he loathed the depersonalised Japanese bullet trains; I doubt that he'll welcome British Rail's High Speed Train.

Look at the endpaper map (with its eccentrically identified "Kingdom of Great Britain") and you will see that he *did* use bus, taxi and plane, but only when the permanent way ran out. Such interludes are quickly skipped as Paul Theroux spins the most compulsive travellers' tales, bribing a corrupt conductor for a couchette, discussing falling standards with a trio of Tamils, watching a haggard Burmese doctoring a cigarette with opium, listening to the sexual frustrations of an oil-rig engineer in upcountry Iran.

The variety of the trains with their impressive titles, Grand Trunk Express, the Echo, the Early Bird Limited often belying the quality of their stock (German, French, British, sometimes 50 years old) never ceases to amaze. Once great trains such as the Direct Orient have no dining car, yet on the Local to Rameswaram, stopping 94 times as it travelled towards Ceylon, the conductor brought him breakfast.

He returned to London via the Trans-Siberian Express, and the saddest moment of the long journey: Christmas Day near Moscow, and *Once in Royal David's City* from the BBC coming over his pocket radio. It is a moment of homesickness. For once the arrival mattered.

Ion Trewin

A dizzy profusion of ideas

Clive of India
By Nirad C. Chaudhuri
(*Barrie & Jenkins*, £7.50)

"Take care of the spoons and forks", Colonel Auchmuty of Calcutta used to say to his wife, before one of their dinner parties in the 1770s, "count them carefully my honey, for by our holy Jesus we have got some tight boys here tonight". Tight boys there were in abundance in the early decades of British India, and in some ways the tightest of them all was Clive, who went to Madras the impecunious son of a Shropshire lawyer, and returned so rich, powerful and legendary that some country people supposed him to be actually demoniac.

From that day to this Clive has been exciting English passions, sometimes patriotic pride, more often envy or sanctimonious indignation. He was a popular ogre in his own time, a *Boy's Own* hero in the imperial heyday, a figure of obloquy in all those commentaries which have, into our own day, successfully persuaded the English how wicked they used to be. Now along comes a fastidious Indian writer to make use of him in a new way altogether, neither as hero nor villain, but as a kind of intellectual medium.

As biography Mr Chaudhuri's book is less than lucid (and he seems not to have read Mr Mark Bence-Jones's excellent life, published by Constable last year). Indeed he calls it a Political and Psychological Essay, and he uses the story of the great conquistador as a screen upon which to project a rich but hazy ectoplasm of philosophizings, speculations, comparisons, asides, anecdotes of Bengali life, reflections on contemporary England, jokes, quotations from several languages, and above all dry, wry and compassionate reflections about the meaning of history.

He might really have chosen any historical figure to act as his agent, but Clive's India is perfect for his purposes. If there was ever a place, ever a time, when a meaningless sound and fury seemed to dominate events, it was India then, a wilderness of chaos in which greed, treachery and spite swirled around every landscape like so many dust-devils. Clive himself called his conquest of Bengal a record of "fighting, tricks, chicanery, intrigues, politics and the Lord knows what", and as to the East India Company's administration, "never was such a scene of anarchy and confusion, bribery, corruption and extortion seen or heard of".

Out of this maelstrom Mr Chaudhuri conjures a hardly less dizzy profusion of ideas. He reflects, for example, upon the mutability of standards; upon schematic theories of history; upon indirect rule in declining empires; upon the relationship between metropolitan and colonial imperialists; upon the dichotomy of a man's private and public lives; upon a thousand and one incidental aspects of history, life and morality. I myself found the purely narrative parts of the book rather tedious, but Mr Chaudhuri's inspired meanderings are delightful.

It would be false to suggest that he reaches any revelatory conclusions, but that hardly matters: his real conclusion is implicit to the book itself, which is utterly without hypocrisy, cant or prejudice, which recognizes the grandeur as well as the squalor in the achievements of men like Clive, and which leaves one, as some of Orwell's writings do, with the somehow disconcerting feeling that one has been in contact with that rarest of astral spirits, absolute truthfulness.

Jan Morris

Price of survival

My Life
By Golda Meir
(*Weidenfeld & Nicolson*, £6.75)

As C. S. Lewis observed, the earlier chapters of an autobiography are almost invariably the most interesting. Golda Meir is no exception to this rule. She gives nothing away, occasionally apologizing that she is "not free" to go into this or that detail, and not concealing her impatience with the indiscretion of her political colleagues. But on the whole she convinces the reader that, if she reveals little, it is because she has little fundamental to reveal. She comes over as a more straightforward person than some of her opponents have given her credit for. Both her strength and her weakness in politics probably derived from the fact that what she said in public was what she really thought.

The first 90 pages of the book, dealing with her life up to the age of 30 when she became a full-time member of the *Histadrut* leadership, are more interesting both in themselves and for the insights which they provide: insights into her own character, with its remarkable blend of toughness and homely naiveté, of lucidity and blind spots, and into the origins of the State of Israel itself.

Golda Mabovitch was born in Kiev in 1898, lived in Russia until she was eight and then in America (mainly Milwaukee, but for two important years of her adolescence in Denver) until she was 23. She emigrated with her husband, Morris Meyerson, to Palestine, where she spent her first two and a half years as a member of a struggling kibbutz and the next four as an impoverished housewife in Jerusalem.

Both her character and her political views seem to have been much influenced by her sister Sheyna, nine years older than herself, who "at 14 . . . was a revolutionary, an earnest, dedicated member of the Socialist-Zionist movement", and who was constantly asserting her independence in furious rows with her parents. But they were also influenced by her family's extreme poverty, which inured her to the idea that unremitting toil and total self-reliance were the price of survival.

The physical danger of pogroms was something she left behind at the age of eight, but perhaps precisely for that reason the memory of this fear was to dominate her life. For all the freedom, safety and relative comfort she enjoyed in America, she seems never to have thought of America as a place where Jews could be permanently free, comfortable or safe. Of her sister's friends in Denver:

> *Some were anarchists, some were socialists, and some were Socialist-Zionists . . . but it was to the Socialist-Zionists that I found myself listening most attentively. . . . I understood and responded fully to the idea of a national home for the Jews—one place on the face of the earth where Jews could be free and independent—and I took it for granted that in such a place no one would be in want, or exploited or live in fear of other men.*

In contrast was the attitude of her future husband, who wrote to her in 1915:

> *I don't know whether to be glad or sorry that you seem to be so enthusiastic a nationalist. I am altogether passive in this matter, though I give you full credit for your activity, as I do to all others engaged in doing something towards helping a distressed nation. The other day, I received a notice to attend one of the meetings . . . but since I do not care particularly as to whether the Jews are going to suffer in Russia or in the Holy Land, I didn't go. . . .*

In the end he did go to Palestine, borne along by the strength of his wife's convictions, only to find that kibbutz life was too rough for him and to see his marriage gradually sacrificed to her career.

What is striking is that neither of them seems to have questioned for one moment the definition of Jews as a nation, or to have considered that the existing population of the Holy Land might also have legitimate claims to nationhood.

Edward Mortimer

Night after night

Day by Day
A Dose of My Own Hemlock
By Robin Day
(*William Kimber*, £4.95)

As Voltaire said about the Almighty, so one might say about Robin Day that if he had not existed, it would have been necessary to invent him. As the nation's best-known political interviewer, he is an essential ingredient for millions of television watchers whenever great events are taking place. His face is certainly one of the most familiar in Britain. Returning from the Labour conference in Blackpool with Mr Wedgwood Benn earlier this month, it was Robin Day who was recognized by fellow passengers while the Secretary of State for Energy went unnoticed. So, with his great reputation and wide following, he is doing an important service for television and for what he calls "the reasonable society" when, in his new book, he speaks out powerfully for the virtues and values of Britain and of being British and of the need to guard again the evil forces in society that are for ever seeking ways to destroy these values.

These warnings are presented as a collection of Mr Day's thoughts on the development of and future for television, based on his experiences since his career started as an ITN newscaster 20 years ago. But this is not just another doom and gloom book for reds under the beds enthusiasts. Nor is it a book of disillusion because this suggests despair and a cause that has been lost. There is nothing in Mr Day's book to suggest that he has despaired. Certainly, some of the early dreams have not yet been fulfilled, but he is still very much in the thick of the battle.

There can be little doubt that Mr Day's book will be bitterly derided by those who like to think of themselves as the trend-setters, those sophisticated cynics who consider that to sneer and snigger at every one of our traditional values somehow raises them above the status of the common man. Some of his colleagues and others outside television will not approve of his warnings that, for instance, unless carefully handled, television may be an influence for unreason and violence and a danger to our democratic institutions, or that there is a need for greater determination to uphold what is in danger. He urges that television journalists who "can play it hot, or play it cool" should make more effort to play it cool.

One mild criticism of Mr Day's book is that although he condemns gimmicks and theatrical gadgetry, he is guilty of these same faults by presenting his views as a question and answer session with himself. It is clear that he too finds the style tiresome, judging by the length of some of the answers to his questions, a luxury which Mr Day would surely never have allowed in any of his real-life interviews. Fortunately, this style is dropped halfway through the book which continues with extracts from his earlier writings on televising Parliament and with reminiscences.

Mr Day's fans will regret that he has not chosen to update (past 1961) these flashbacks. He is surely wrong in saying that to do this would depress both him and the reader. His accounts of early interviews with Nasser and Harold Macmillan, the first televised State Opening of Parliament, or his Russian tours, indicate that his later work with, for instance, Lord Lambton after his resignation, Shaikh Karume of Zanzibar, George Brown, or an unbalanced Mau-Mau general, would be equally fascinating.

Some may feel also that they would like further clarification of his campaign for televising Parliament, an institution which he rightly considers to be the cornerstone of our system of democracy. His dire warnings about the irresponsible misuse of television's power must raise doubts about the wisdom of bringing cameras inside the Palace of Westminster. But perhaps, if his warnings are heeded in time and while Mr Day is still manning the battlements. Then the risk may become acceptable.

Hugh Noyes

Rover-ticket around a capital

Cockburn's Millennium
By Karl Miller
(*Duckworth*, £14)

There are nine and sixty ways of constructing tribal lays. But for the biographer, one would have thought, a much reduced range of variations is possible. None the less Karl Miller, in his rich and ramifying *Cockburn's Millennium*, does succeed in writing a biography unlike any other I can think of and one that makes a distinct success of its apartness.

Henry Lord Cockburn (1775-1854) isn't particularly familiar to Southern folk. He lived all his life in Edinburgh or in his beloved country house Bonaly, in the Pentland hills. This paradise he added and super-added to with a zeal similar to Scott's at Abbotsford. He was a lawyer who became solicitor-general for Scotland. He was an Edinburgh-reviewer, and so a Whig in defiance of his Tory father. He was a friend of Francis Jeffrey who turns out to have been a light and airy sort of person and not a dour steamroller concerned to inform Wordsworth that his "Excursion" "will never do".

Like most of us Cockburn led a double life. As Miller puts it, he was "both a busy Whig and a nature-worshipping Augustan virtuoso". He wrote much, most of it published posthumously. The "Memorials of his Time" I haven't read but propose to embark upon immediately because Miller puts it alongside Scott's "Journal"—one of the outstanding 19th century masterpieces—and Miller's judgment is something to trust in. Cockburn also founded Edinburgh Academy, now needlessly fighting for its life.

Like Hazlitt he said he'd had a happy life. He was pugnacious, wiry, had money troubles, married "a decent, well-behaved, thickish woman", had sons who were a burden and a plague, drank his share and considered the Reform Bill more necessary for Scotland than for England. A gifted man, then. Scotsmen owe him a lot, and the rest of us are in his debt too because he wrote well and was the great-great-grandfather of Evelyn Waugh.

"Few of his" (Cockburn's) "contemporaries were further in outlook from Cockburn than Hogg . . ." writes Miller, and goes on to devote a considerable amount of space to Hogg. This is always his method: He believes a biographer should situate his subject in the society of his time. So he carries, as it were, a rover-ticket. He changes direction, goes down by-ways, pauses to investigate characters in the Cockburn circle—Scott, Jeffrey, Lockhart and his spitefulness. Further, as Miller is himself an Edinburgh man, and a Pentland Hills man, he introduces a personal, auto-biographical element which branches quite naturally out of the main narrative stem.

And Cockburn isn't by any means seen consistently as a hero. In Miller's vision of him there is bitterness as well as sympathy and understanding. Perhaps the real hero isn't Cockburn at all, but Edinburgh and its culture in the first third of the nineteenth century—a capital city with a mind, a manner and a way of life all its own. But Cockburn or Edinburgh or both—this is an authentic and absorbing book.

David Williams

Fiction

The Great Victorian Collection
By Brian Moore
(*Cape*, £3.25)

Dead Babies
By Martin Amis
(*Cape*, £3.25)

The Memoirs of Jesus Christ
By Marcus Harrison
(*Arlington*, £3.95)

Anthony Maloney, a Canadian historian in Brian Moore's exhilarating new novel, *The Great Victorian Collection*, has a long dream after completing his PhD thesis, *A Study of the Effects of Gaining a Colonial Empire on the Mores of Victorian England as Exemplified by the Art and Architecture of the Period*. Asleep in a motel at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, he envisages the world's greatest possible collection of Victorian creations: sculpture, paintings, furniture, scientific and musical instruments, naval and industrial equipment, trains, erotica, a punishment room, bric-à-brac, are gathered in his care in a maze of stalls more extensive than the Crystal Palace exhibition of 1851. The next morning, in the empty parking lot next to his window, his collection has materialized entirely, exact replicas of the originals as well as some items previously only described in books.

A year later, it's still there. When he neglects it, displaces parts of it, tries to leave it, or courts new dreams, it begins to crack up and fade. Losing some of his nerve, he remains at the motel imprisoned by his faltering dream; the girl he loves flees, his university job is abandoned, and to avoid dreaming he tries to sleep standing up. When Maloney, still fighting his vision, dies at 30, his collection outlives him amazingly, though as a marvel, specialists agree, it's decidedly minor.

This is decidedly a major novel, one of Brian Moore's best and most poetic. Rejoicing in the recurring expression, responsiveness, power and necessity of human imagination, the book's design and intensity is less formal than in his *Catholics* and the writing is positively pacific compared to that in his *Fergus* where the sceptic, detached from all laws of behaviour except those he makes up, belittles himself and any purpose in continuous self-trials, kangaroo courts of the mind. Here the mind is freed, conditionally.

There are no conditions for those who try to take life absolutely into their own fists in Martin Amis's *Dead Babies*. It's transfixing. The technical versatility and brilliant flair for descriptive details are an enormous advance on his first novel, *The Rachel Papers*, which won the Somerset Maugham prize. At first it's very funny. It teases, exaggerates, deliberates. Then it becomes ferocious, stricken, and moving.

Once sometime in the future, 11 characters, each aged less than 35, feeling clobbered by disillusion, meet for a weekend of unlimited revels and personality alchemy at Appleseed Rectory in Hertfordshire. They take drugs which they hope will change themselves as they wish, determine their brain chemistry, dilute their consciousness, control their psyches. All—of nearly all—hell breaks loose. There's loads of personal, precise, immediate violence, an indulgence in what is thought to be instinctive and an assertion against a world of remote technology: "violence is . . ." sort of felt selfhood. They try more and more seances unsuccessfully. Snafu full-time. Love, understanding, compassion, soul, are said by one character to be dead babies and so are the Appleseed revellers. But if their lives are in danger of miscarrying, these young(ish) people are pitied and alerted as much as the oldsters. It isn't a satire on a whole generation, it's an important near-parable.

What are Marcus Harrison's intentions in *The Memoirs of Jesus Christ?* His seriousness is seen in the first paragraph: Judas is not only exonerated having been misinterpreted, he is courageously loyal, crucified instead of Jesus who, retiring to a monastery near the Damascus Road, works as librarian getting the record straight. Simple, modern language (sometimes disconcertingly) is used in most of the novel: the narrative skill and all-affiliating warmth make compulsive reading, yet I value it most for vividly making reverence so human. Whatever one feels about the fresh controversies of its plot, this book is too good to miss.

Trick or Treat? by Ray Connolly (W. H. Allen, £2.95). Significant story of love between four people. A lone American girl in Paris has affair with a sophisticated French girl; they want a family, select an eagerly seduced man and one becomes pregnant. Their decision to use men's seed packets goes awry, though mostly because of the naive touching, ambiguous wife. Ray Connolly has a fine eye for subtle humiliations and sexuality.

Myrna Blumberg

Crime

High Stakes
By Dick Francis
(*Michael Joseph*, £2.95)

Dick Francis has done it again. It almost goes without saying. Yet sometimes when I tell friends the good news they reply "Okay, but honestly, hasn't he just done it again?" and I admit that, yes, horses do come in, and, yes, the hero is remarkably like the heroes before and, yes, he takes a fair bit of punishment from life until, yes, he reaches safe harbour. Readers are exigent: they want exactly what they had before, and they want it different.

With Francis, I feel, they get pretty close to having and eating that cake. Take the present instance. The hero is reasonably different in that he is an owner this time (and one who has yet to discover that you can communicate with "a person who happened also to be a horse"). Part of the setting, a wealthier world than before, takes us to a new scene, the sales paddock at Hialeah, Florida. The plot, a matter of a large-scale swindle, is, as always, totally different in its details. The hero's burden is no invalid wife or unjust warning-off but ingeniously staged public obloquy.

But Francis has an even surer way of achieving freshness: he tackles the obstacles he places before himself head-on, as always. He deals with each tangle of plot in a direct and life-filled way. And the result is inevitably like life, the life we live our *here* in the chill beyond the pages. So, incidentally, what we experience in the insulated world of those pages truly affects us, be it unconsciously, when we face reality again. Yet, despite this, I do wonder a little whether the time may not have come for a look about to see if some other general set of human circumstances, some different broad dilemma, might not also have the same magical effect on the waiting imagination, all our benefits.

The Kingsford Mark, by Victor Canning (Heinemann, £3.50). Can thriller (twangingly tense and novel (revealing us to us inhabit the same pages? Triumphantly in this tale of Exmoor, initiation and revenge.

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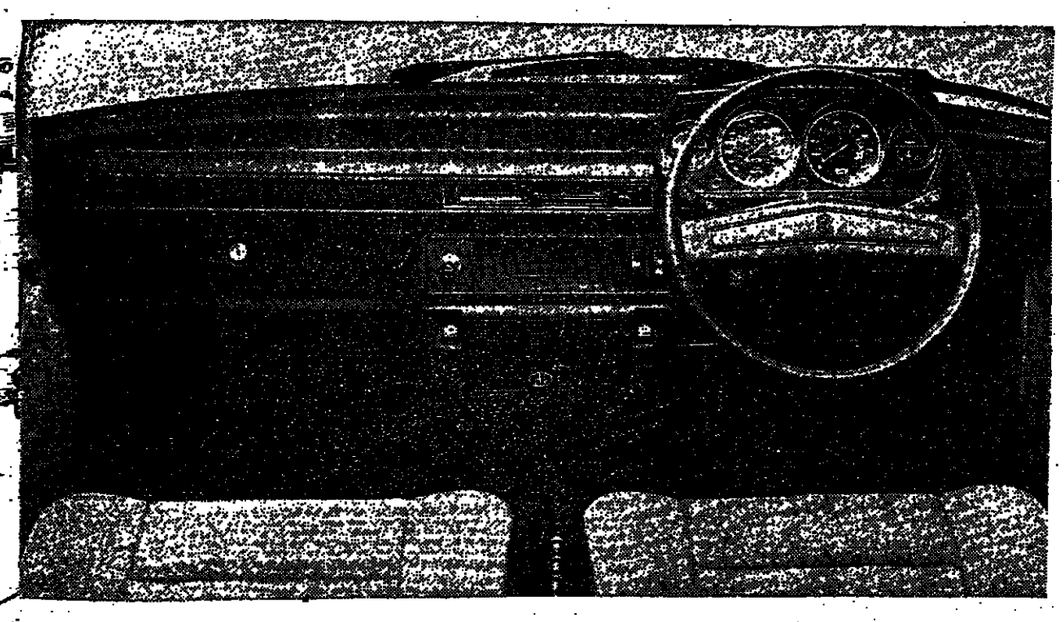
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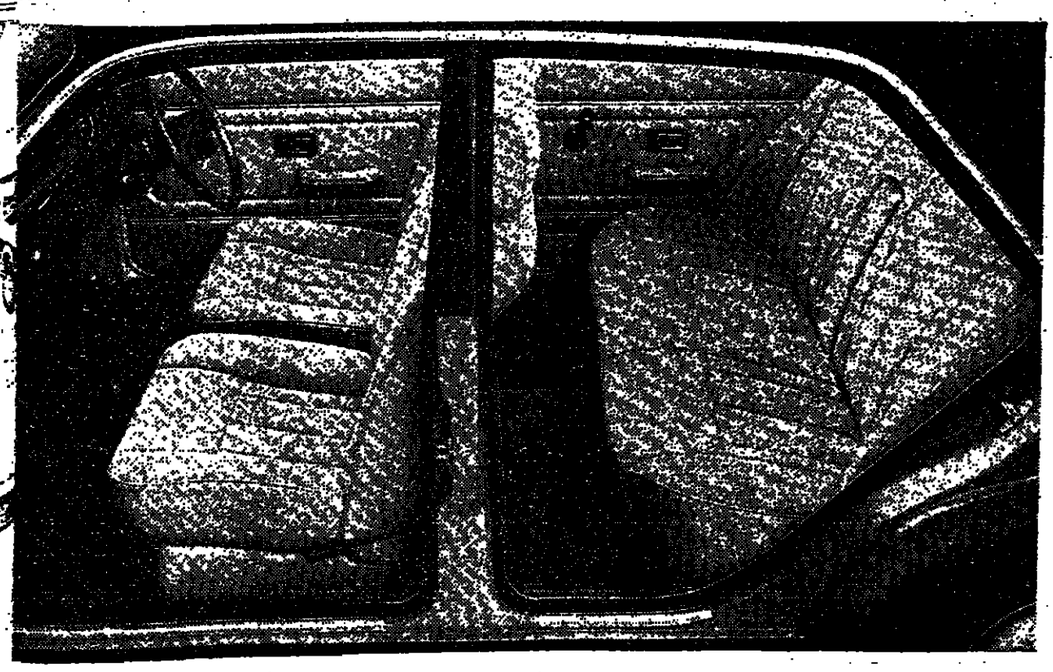
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Ronald Butt

Dangers in the fashionable fantasy of 'liberal Marxism'

Marxism, as a political philosophy, now has an intellectual respectability in the western world which was undreamed of both before the war and in the postwar cold conflict with Stalinism. Its adherents, and more significantly, its quasi-adherents, are no longer confined to the parties of the farthest left but are to be found throughout the opinion-making sections of the community.

Respectable Labour politicians who are not, perhaps, consciously hostile to individual freedom can now publicly reverse the former proposition that their party owes more to Methodism than to Marxism. *The Marxist analysis has much* support among the teachers of political ideas and has, perhaps, a more important covert influence among sizable minorities of various professional groups, including school teachers. Much has been written to explain, gloss and justify Marxism as a doctrine and anyone who goes into any university bookshop is quickly aware that it is the ultimate *fount of the deluge of socially* alienating political fringe literature which proliferates. *Those who take "direct action"* are usually acting in its name.

More significantly, however, people who say they *neither* accept the totality of Marxism, nor the forms it has taken where it has been practised so far, argue nevertheless that it has an important contribution to make to a new social-political synthesis. Its influence in this respect has been much assisted by the fact that Marxism as an idea can now *be claimed to be as divorced* from Marxist-Leninism as China is from Russia. In Marx's house there are, or now appear to be, many mansions: you can be anything from a Christian Marxist to a Communist Marxist. Unlike Fascist, Marxist can be accepted simply as a description (even if of a variable state of things) rather than as a term of abuse. In this way, our anxieties may be de-*fused by the sheer confusion of* the present manifestations of Marxism.

But does it matter? Since what is proclaimed by intellectuals today may be taken for granted by the acclimatized mass of ordinary people tomorrow if it is not challenged with equal rigour, I think it does. And it is particularly likely to be taken for granted if people can be persuaded to accept *without* question the assertion that Marxism can exist in combination with the very ways of life and belief which have traditionally been accepted (by Marxists and non-Marxists alike) as its antithesis.

This is something that I have increasingly come to believe represents a real danger and a book that I have lately read has reinforced my conviction.* It is by a Roman Catholic priest, Father Adrian Hastings, whose essays are written, as he rather curiously, and perhaps defensively puts it, by "one well inside the Roman Catholic communion"—though he adds, perhaps as a qualification, "one *still struggling to hold* to, and to share with a friend here or there, the 'Faith once given to the saints'".

Father Hastings is plainly a very political priest, much *concerned with the intervention* of the church with the political affairs of the world, but the *greater part* of these essays are concerned with the organizational and doctrinal problems of his church. About this aspect of his book it would be impertinent for an unqualified outsider to comment except to record the fact that he is intensely "radical" in his attitude to the affairs of his own church; and intensely critical of the present Pope who is "sincere, conscientious, devout, *personally gentle, a person* whom one cannot but revere" but who is also "an old man, caught in the bonds of his curial past and curial present, misled by the monsignori of the Secretariat of State" and who "has failed, objectively, upon issue after issue to lead us forward with confidence, humour and insight. . . ."

What I think is of much more general interest, because it expresses very well an attitude which is creeping insidiously into respectability among outside as well as within his denomination, is Father Hastings's significant view of Marxism and liberalism. The *following, I hope*, is a fair condensation of the essential passages.

"A liberal is one who asserts the primacy in importance in the political order of freedom —in the political order because in the human order. It is the greatest quality of man and has been indeed the rallying cry of man in every age, his innate need. . . . Our perennial political task is to evolve and sustain *institutions for society which* in given geographical, economic and cultural conditions provide *a maximum of freedom for* all the people within that society. The opposite to a liberal society *is a tyrannical, oppressive* society, and the deliberate maintenance of tyranny or its extension I hold to be Fascism. Such Fascism can be and is found on both the so-called right and the so-called left. . . .

"Where the true liberal of today must differ most considerably from that of the nineteenth century is that he will take a more economically sophisticated view of how the freedom of the majority is to be ensured. *Political freedom is not meaningful in a laissez faire system which has betrayed the majority of people to economic servitude.* Marxist and socialist analysis forces us to rethink *the control which is necessary* over the economic pressures upon an authentically human society, but it should not affect our final criterion of freedom, nor the value we see in maintaining the sort of political structures for such freedom which the West has evolved over the centuries.

"As a matter of fact orthodox Marxist theory by itself is not nearly sophisticated enough an instrument for the analysis of oppression in all it forms. But the Marxist is an ally when he is a liberal, he is an enemy when he is not—he is then a Fascist. Perhaps that is the soundest lesson we can learn from contemporary Russia or contemporary eastern Europe. *A Marxist can be a liberal.* Dubcek was, whatever he called himself, and it was because he *valued so highly human free*dom and the sort of institution and check which make freedom possible that he attempted what he did and fell as he did . . ." (My italics)

Can a Marxist be a liberal? That is a key question for all of us and it is instructive that the statement that he can comes so emphatically from a Christian priest, *for although* Christianity and Marxism have until recently been regarded as mutually irreconcilable Father Hastings's view is shared by others.

No doubt it is possible to be a Marxist radical, concerned about the political issues which particularly concern Father Hastings (race and Africa for instance) and laying down legal imperatives to settle more of these aspects of human relationships in accordance with what is considered to be the ultimate moral good. But a *Marxist liberal*—a liberal as liberal is defined by Father Hastings?

There is no evidence that such a hybrid is possible and a great *deal that it is not.*

There is no instance of a pure Marxist state which has come to power by the votes of the people and none of those which have come into being by *force have ever been* willing to submit themselves to electoral trial by free votes. If experience is anything to go by, there is no road back to freedom from Marxism and it is psychologically interesting that even those democratic socialists of the farther left who speak of creating a socialist state, talk of it as though it were an ultimate act leading to a final paradisial dispensation which is the end of the human road.

Can human beings really run a society in which the state governs all according to a *socialist pattern in the name of* a higher justice and still preserve any real liberty for the individual? *Is it possible to* imagine, under a Marxist state, a situation in which a number of people who determine that the price paid in the loss of individual liberty is too great to be endured, and who are allowed to set up a party, go to the polls and win a majority for the proposition that its total collectivism should be replaced by a more liberal or individualistic system? I think it is not.

Brian Magee suggested on Monday that "Marxism is dead" in nationalist Communist countries, *even though it is* still of influence as an ideas-stimulus elsewhere. I think his argument *really reinforces* mine. The purest Marxism, it is true, hardly survives the *exigencies* of practical politics in the Marxist-Communist state —but perhaps this is not its historical function. Perhaps we understand its function better if we see it as essentially a pathfinder destroying the old order of liberal society which, for all its faults, insured more individual freedom than any other, in order to create an arbitrary state.

Even if we could accept that it is possible in theory for a state to determine what is justice for every human member of it by saying what precisely he should earn and own, *where he should live and what* he should believe, is it possible for anyone, particularly a Christian, *who knows what* flaws are in the human condition, to believe that such a total dispensation can be administered with respect for the individual and his dignity? That is the question we should all ask.

For if Marxism, in its theoretical self, is dead in the Communist countries because of its conflict in power with certain inescapable realities, it gets its strength in the free world now from the intellectual fashion which believes, or purports to believe, that it can be made consistent with freedom, with liberalism, even with Christianity. It is a question for us all whether this fashion, which is now infiltrating many respectable and well-meaning quarters, has its ultimate origin in the intellectual processes of *people who, wittingly or not,* have as their ultimate aim the confusion and disorientation of *the free society we have.*

**The Faces of God: Essays on Church and Society*, by Adrian Hastings; Geoffrey Chapman (£2.25).*

Committees that keep the Chinese on their best behaviour

Asked *to name something they think they would dislike* in a communist society many people would mutter something *about* a police state. The phrase is well accepted to cover the worst actions—the unexplained arrest and disappearance—or the ordinary but constant bureaucratic supervision to which only the revolutionary enthusiast is impervious.

Many people arriving in China for the first time on a visit carry this cliché in their luggage and are agreeably surprised. The Chinese do not seem to be behaving as if theirs was a police state. There are very few signs of police about except shouting at *traffic through loud-hailers.* And there is no stealing in China; you may leave your *hotel room unlocked. The* Chinese are well-behaved, have a low crime rate according to *reports, fill much of their spare* time with earnest study and all this without benefit of police supervision.

One reason for this is that the Chinese are self-policing. They *always have been and the* habits of the past are now more insistently and more ingeniously inculcated than *ever.* Several press reports this year—with Peking appropriately taking the lead—have described the role of self-organized "courtyard committees", *so-called because in Pek*ing and other old Chinese cities traditional houses were built round courtyards and these are now intensively occupied.

A courtyard committee will take in 30 odd families accounting for around 150 persons. It will organize study groups, arrange theatre shows, tell stories to the young, run table tennis and other games. "In a thriving revolutionary atmosphere", says one account, "the neighbours study political theory with keener interest, pay greater attention to sanitation and health work and help with public security work. School-children are better organized in after-school activities."

"In the past", the account goes on, "many dependants of factory and office workers were *virtually* deprived of the right to political study, being too old and weak, or tied to *household chores, but now the* group meeting is there right in the courtyard; many factory *and office workers join in* after the day's work."

The courtyard committees *come under larger neighbour*hood committees that supervise several hundred households. What seems to be happening now is that smaller groups in which every individual would be accounted for are spreading—under party direction of course.



No one can be sure just how far back in Chinese history the *system of guarantees for good* behaviour goes. Certainly it can be traced to the Northern Wei dynasty in the fifth century while in the Sung dynasty it was given the name *pao chia* by the reforming minister Wang An-shih. The *chia* covered 100 families divided into *pao* of 10 families each and the headman chosen to undertake *responsibility found* himself in trouble if burglary, gang activity, unreported strangers or any other untoward activity was traced to his group.

The system went right through the Ching dynasty and was revived again under Chiang Kai-shek in the 1930s. Thus the Chinese have been habituated for centuries to the concept of a self-regulating group responsibility. Of course the system in China today is nothing like so purely repressive. It aims to evoke support for the revolution, to teach, to provide welfare, to make life better in every way. Any visitor to China will observe the bright light of devotion in *the spokesmen of such groups* and their account of their tasks will sound like the social *workers' dream.*

Nevertheless, the question must be asked: how onerous is it? *Presented in the pre-cast* slabs of political jargon it sounds deadly boring at the *very least. One model* "socialist courtyard" attained political purity when they were *convinced by the street party* committee that "residential muki-story buildings are an important position of the class struggle; if the proletariat does not occupy them the bourgeoisie is bound to". And how many workers, coming home after an arduous day, really enjoy getting down to another spell of the iniquities of Lin Piao and Confucius or the danger of bourgeois revisionism?

Against this there is the stress on welfare. "Children vie with one another to clean the courtyard and perform good deeds", we are told. "All these bring remarkable changes in their outlook." But what time is left for private life, the sceptic will ask—and well he may. If one wanted to understand how social control worked in China the only way to discover would be to live inside the system and see. From outside it sounds very much like a closed shop, but one that works pretty well *round the clock. It imparts* goodness, it teaches goodness, it is informed by goodness, its *deals cannot but be good* because the system is led by great and good men.

There are drop-outs in China. More perhaps in the last five years than there ever *were in the first 20 years of* the new era. Prudence would counsel keeping on the right *side of one's courtyard committee* and for most people this would be the natural thing. But one can see how doubt could settle and even innocent wrong-doing could arouse suspicion.

Probably a lot of courtyard committees are slack or *scarcely function.* One only has to get away from Peking to discover that China is not as tightly controlled as the capital atmosphere suggests. Is China a police state? No, but then it doesn't need to be.

Richard Harris

Why EEC wants us to think again

No single action by Britain has upset our European partners more than our demand to go-it-alone at the forthcoming producer-consumer conference on energy and raw materials, due to open in *Paris on December* 16.

Mr Callaghan's insistence on Britain having her own seat at the conference, instead of going along with the other members of the European Community, has caused ructions all round. The major *member states have been* particularly critical. In Paris, the British move—though it had *been at least hinted at before*hand—was described as "a bombshell".

From Bonn has come an ominous warning from Chancellor Schmidt to Mr Wilson. *The clear inference is that if* Britain continues to insist on her own place at the conference, we need not expect much consideration from Germany on other matters which interest us, like development aid for Commonwealth countries.

The United States is also reported to be mystified by the British stand, while sensibly keeping out of it as an internal European row. Other diplomats, less polite, have termed the British position bone-headed nationalism, and there seems to have been considerable confusion as to how Britain could have gone so far out on a limb.

The explanation seems to be *that the British move was not* planned in advance. One approach was for Britain to *secure chairmanship of one of* the expert commissions being set up by the conference, *which might have been enough* of an advantage to allow Britain's interest overall to be represented by the Community.

But in the event, the Foreign Secretary decided that Britain must have separate representation, and said so. These European meetings have a momentum of their own and Mr Callaghan's belief that Britain's position as an oil producer put us in a class apart overrode all arguments about the possibility of the Community altering its own mandate. And once the demand was made, Mr Callaghan stuck by it.

The question now is whether, having put the ball into the scrum, Mr Callaghan will seek to get it out again. He has the support of the Cabinet for his action.

At the same time, the lesson *is being spelt out that the* Community, like peace, is not really divisible. It represents a continuous give-and-take among its members, and if one member chooses to press too hard where it upsets the common interest, it risks losing out somewhere else.

What now? Britain could argue that the Community should change its own mandate, to take account of our special interests in energy. The trouble is that the other member states are unlikely to pay too much attention to this argument if Britain is, in any case, determined to go her own way.

As a last resort, it is always open to Britain to veto the Community line. But the risk of such an extreme course would be to throw the industrial countries' preparations for the conference into still worse confusion.

What has so astonished Britain's partners is that the move seemed to go against the previous thrust of British policy, particularly where relations between the Community and the developing world are concerned.

The European case is that the coming conference is not going to take any hard and fast decisions on energy policy, anyway. On the contrary, it is by way of being an exchange of views across the whole range of raw materials, including energy, bringing in development and finance as well, with the object of moving away from confrontation and towards cooperation—one of Mr Callaghan's favourite themes.

Mr Callaghan has defended his stand strongly, as being in the national interest, and he is not a man to be shaken lightly in his views. Indeed there is a risk that in pressing Britain to *think again*, as Herr Schmidt and others are doing, the Government might react by *digging in its heels even* harder. Public opinion, always sensitive on such issues, might *also react badly if it seemed* Britain was being pushed.

The foreign ministers of the *Nine have a meeting in Lucca* this weekend, a private gathering with no officials in attendance, *where they can get* away from it all, and look at European policy in a more *relaxed way. If the present* row goes on, it could be quite a strained weekend.

On the other hand, Mr Callaghan has a special talent for political persuasion, and the opportunity is there to pour a little of our British oil on the waters, so to speak. If the community countries can not even agree among themselves, what chance have they got of convincing the Third World of the need to work together with them?

David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Pressures on the Protestants of Roman Catholic Ireland

In the welter of demographic analysis which has coloured so much of the argument over the *rights and wrongs of the Irish* problem during the past six bloody years, the one group *whose position has been* consistently ignored or misrepresented has been the dwindling number of Protestants still living in the Republic.

Now, at a time when many see the debate reaching its most crucial stage, they have found themselves a historian and champion who has performed the valuable task of describing from within their position in a theoretically non-sectarian state which is in practice heavily dominated by the Roman Catholic ethos.

As controller of television programmes for Radio Telefis Eireann, Jack White is reassuring *proof that a Congregationa*list from West Cork can still rise to a position of influence *in a society where* Catholics form 95 per cent of the population. His book acknowledges that it is not easy to recall another country where a defeated ascendancy has been treated so generously, but at the same time articulates the fears of a *group which believes it will be* eroded out of existence within two generations.

Mr White's well researched work is unlikely to provide the kind of inflammatory fuel which would be welcomed by the Rev Ian Paisley and others who launch regular tirades against the alleged horrors of life under the Crucifix in the Republic. But it does provide a *disturbing insight into the* ways in which personal liberties —particularly those involving *relationships between the sexes* —are still heavily encroached upon.

*In a passage about his child*hood, the author also describes poignantly the alienation between the two religions which is an important factor in explaining the brutal savageries of sectarian warfare which have reached new extremes in recent months. "Occasionally we might be daring enough to peer in through the window of a Catholic church; *the size, the* darkness, the images, the flickering candles, all filled us *with a sense of superstitious* dread, and we carried away in our nostrils a curious smell compounded of poor people and incense. The holy picture in a neighbour's house, with the *little red lamp always burning* before it. . . . All these, the externals of belief, were so *remote from our own austere* practice that they seemed like the rituals of some foreign *tribe.*"

Acknowledging a recent coming together attributed largely *to a shared disgust with the* barbarities occurring in Ulster, Mr White outlines in detail the *pressures that affect members* of a minority living in a state whose law embraces ideological values they do not accept, particularly in relation to divorce and contraception. A successful author and playwright, he surprisingly dismisses the continuing imposition of the Censorship of Publications Act as "non-controversial".

With divorce prevented under the Constitution and chemists banned from selling contraceptives by the criminal law, the situation goes far towards explaining the abhorrence felt by even the more moderate Protestants in the North about enforced union with the Republic. *Evidence that the author's* optimism about rapidly liberalizing attitudes is not wholly *justified is revealed* in an opinion poll published in the latest edition of *Hibernia, the Dublin fortnightly. This shows* that only 47 per cent are in favour of legalized sale of con*traceptives compared with 54* per cent 18 months ago.

Mr White reserves his only *note of real bitterness for the* Roman Catholic church's intransigent position on mixed *marriages which he cites as the* prime cause of the continuing divisions in Irish life. "As Protestants see it", *he claims*, "their children are being placed in a situation of emotional blackmail, in which the price of love is the sacrifice of their *own convictions.*" The passage refers to the absolute insistence that every child of a mixed *marriage is brought up as a* Catholic.

As well as perpetuating social *division, this factor is also* blamed for the rapid erosion of the Republic's Protestant population which has dropped nearly 50 per cent since the early 1920s. With one marginal exception, their birth rate is the lowest in the world—and this is attributed not so much to lack of ardour as unwillingness to mate outside the tribe which itself is short of potential brides. This, we are told, causes its own rather pathetic problems: "Every country person is familiar with the half-dozen *or so middle-aged bachelors in* his congregation: decent men, steady and industrious, regular *churchgoers; brought up by* their mothers 'not to drink, smoke or marry a Catholic'; and therefore left unmarried, past the age of marrying, the end of their line."

Any visitor to the Irish Derby at the Curragh will know that *southern Protestants are not* without style and money, and like southern Catholics identify *little with their religious* counterparts in the North. Isolated for over 50 years, they have *been careful never to step too* far out of line. "Although their stake in the country, in terms of property and employment is still substantial, their voice is rarely heard", explains Mr White. "Their approach to public life is tentative and wary."

With talk among politicians North and South turning once again to the possibility of enforced re-partition, attention should be paid to the sentiment of the loyalist from Monaghan, one of the three old Ulster counties which fell to the Free State at the time of the treaty. "We felt", he said bitterly, "that we had been thrown to the wolves."

Christopher Walker

Minority report: The Anatomy of the Southern Protestant. Gill and Macmillan, £6.50.

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The Times Diary

For and against the Royal Free

My report last month on defects in the new Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead brought an exactly balanced response from readers. Of the 16 follow-up letters and phone calls I received, eight were in praise of the new hospital and eight supported the complaints against it.

*Most of the letters favour*ing the hospital were from people who had been patients in it.

"There are more important matters when discussing hospitals", one reader wrote. "The standard of attention and medical care my wife received was second to none."

A patient wrote from the hospital itself: "I fervently hope that today's entry will not deter any potential patients from a stay in this great hospital." My criticisms, she said, were "*cantankerous*". The hospital had in her case put on "a most dazzling display of medicine at its best".

To complaints about long waits to see consultants, a reader replies: "To criticise the Royal Free is to criticise virtually all hospitals and doctors' surgeries. The perfect *appointments system has yet to* be invented."

Most of the criticisms of the hospital confirm points made in my previous two items on the subject. The first such item, you may recall, was about a colleague's wife, who suffered from multiple sclerosis, being kept waiting for more than an hour before having to be taken home, in a state of near-collapse, without seeing the consultant with whom she had an appointment. Here is the sequel:

My colleague wrote immediately to the hospital complaining of this disregard of his wife, and requesting another appointment. He also spoke to his GP, *who had already heard from* the consultant, P. K. Thomas. The consultant wrote that it sounded a very tragic story, but, unfortunately, "we had a rather busy clinic this afternoon and she was the last patient on the list".

Eight days later, on September 17, my colleague received a reply from the hospital signed by A. E. Oubridge, General Administrator, Planning and Operational Management, North Camden District, Camden & Islington Area Health Authority (Teaching). Oubridge appeared concerned about the report in this Diary and wrote: "The main reason for any consultant trying to see as many patients as possible in one session is so that he avoids having to ask patients to wait a number of weeks for an appointment. This, of course, does some times mean that, by so doing, patients do have to wait in the clinic for up to an hour. . . ."

My colleague replied, providing additional information, and requested another appointment.

On October 2, his wife collapsed at home, and was rushed to the Royal Free. My colleague, who was in the office, was notified and went directly to the hospital. His wife was dead.

He afterwards received another letter from Oubridge, dated October 2. He said that he had dictated a partial reply to my colleague's last letter requesting an appointment when *he heard of the death*, and offered his condolences.

Intriguing headline in the Southport Visiter: *Committee to view film with fine tooth comb.*

Trade shock

P. H. Simpligessverk, my economics correspondent, analyses the September trade figures:

On the face of it, a good month for Britain. The trade gap (allowing for seasonal factors, like cookers) was down from August's adjusted figure of £378 *million to a more modest* £211 million, which is halved if you allow for invisibles. But, if you burrow beneath the figures, they are not as encouraging as some had hoped.

September, sandwiched as it so often is between August and October, is not a typical month. And this year the differences were aggravated by across-the-board price increases, whose overall effect was to push up the cost of our *imports*, and indeed of our exports, right across the board.

Moreover, the export figures for 1975 have all *been revised* downwards by government statisticians because of the over-compensation for an adjustment previously made to allow for an earlier under-recording of exports in untypical circumstances. *It is thought that a* compensating adjustment might soon have to be made in the *opposite direction*, as soon as they have worked out what that is.

All in all, while it is never safe to draw any firm conclusions from one month's figures, *it can be said with some confidence that we shall have to* wait for the figures for the next few months before we can judge whether or not it is too early to make any tentative predictions.



Smashing

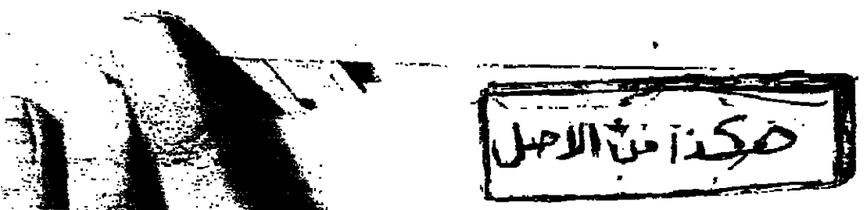
Fred Rodgers does for money what many a husband in his darker moments must dream about doing for pleasure. He smashes two-inch thick concrete paving slabs over his wife's head with a 14-pound hammer. He also smashes them over her torso while she lies on a bed of nails, chops wood over her navel with a hatchet, and pulverises two bricks at a time with *her hand in between.*

Rodgers was born into a circus family, has 14 children and after a lifetime on the road has now settled in Watford. He agrees it is a curious way to earn a living. But he can neither read nor write, and there are not many other jobs he could do.

He, his wife Joan, his daughter Kim, and Simon the pet eight-foot python, went *through their act for photo*graphers yesterday on the pavement in Euston Road, before rehearsing their appearance in next Monday's *Opportunity Knocks.*

How is it done? "There's no trick", said Joan, "it's just trust and love in Fred. But I must keep absolutely still. I once moved my eyes just as he was bringing the hammer down, and I couldn't move my neck *for three weeks.*"

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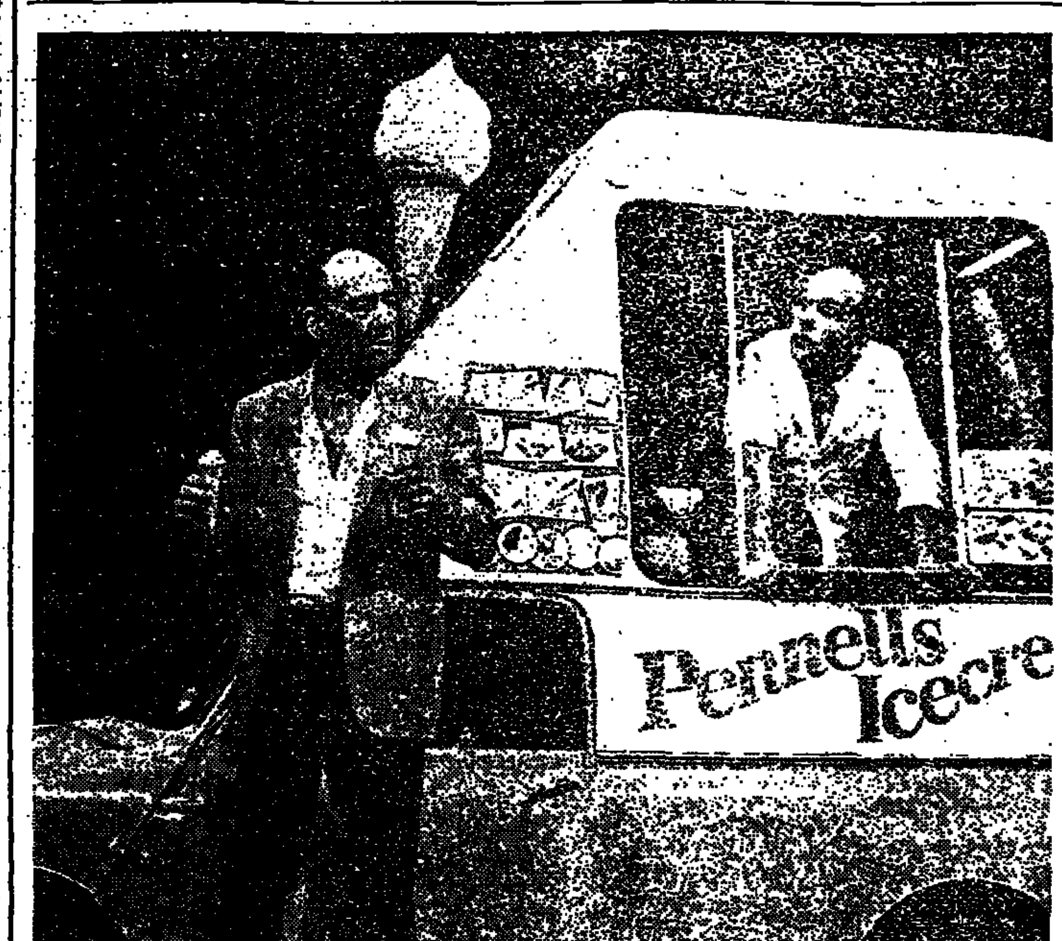
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Borrowed plots are not enough

Stripwell
Royal Court

Charles Lewsen

Howard Barker's play looks a bit like *On Borrowed Time*: a judge, Graham Stripwell trying to reorder his life while the man he sentenced for driving offences waits to get out of prison and kill him; with a spoonful of *The Constant Wife*: Stripwell's wife welcoming to their house the girl he wants to marry; and a pinch of *Uncle Vanya*: Stripwell losing his temper with a desiccated bore who has long dominated his life.

One need look no farther than the first great play that springs to mind to see that a tried and trusted plot never did a piece of drama the slightest harm. However, borrowing is not enough.

It starts with a nice burst of excess: the prisoner has committed a bewildering number of driving offences in the space of seconds. However, disregarding either the comic or tragic possibilities in our law's failure to regard the motor car as a lethal weapon, it plunges into a serious, if not deep, study of a man weighing his past life. He has not drunk alcohol; now he will. He has suffered in silence the nostalgic anecdotes of his socialist father-in-law; now he will insult the old man. He has suffered a superficial relationship with his unperceptive wife; now he will live with the go-go dancer who is using him as material for her prosy novel.

Since the Stripwell's baby-face son Tim is in the house when go-go girl Babs makes her visit, Stripwell naturally loses her to the boy, who combines sexual with capitalistic dynamism, smuggling heroin as well as going off with his father's bird.

Were all these zany strands combined in one line of farce Mr Barker might achieve a work of originality; but he is determined to bring us to the confrontation of judge and prisoner and to their reversal of roles, and equally determined that it shall not be funny. Here he calculates correctly, and inspires Michael Hordern to portayal of a terrible fear touched with a *measure of wisdom*.

As I remember, Mr Barker's more successful *Claw* moved from comedy to horror via scenes that flirted with both realism and caricature. In the present complex case he seems let down by a lack of technique. The turning point of the play is the meeting of Tim and Babs; this is arranged by Stripwell's simply going offstage to help his wife prepare a meal, no comic point being made of his falling into an old pattern of behaviour at the very moment he is attempting to enter a new life; it is the lamest preparation for a turn of plot that I have seen in a very long time.

Chris Parr's unadventurous direction has done nothing to reconcile the play's comic and dramatic elements and has thus cut off from Mr Hordern a series of Chekhovian options. Constance Cummings has a beautiful moment of pain, her head slowly juddering away from the news that her husband intends leaving her; but she makes nothing of the woman's denseness. Patricia Quinn bumps and grinds to splendid effect, and speaks Bab's novelese with nice affectation; but she gives no credibility to the girl's attachment to father and son. And if these players are only half successful, Roger Sloman has not a chance as the icecream seller who is also Fate.

And They Used to Star in Movies
Soho Poly

Ned Chaillet

Mickey Mouse, it seems, has fallen on hard times. Like more than one once-famous Hollywood star, he hangs around in a barroom waiting for his call to Rome to come through, fobbing off his teenage fans with a lingering pat on the bottom and obscure promises of an important new film. Things have gone even worse for Goofy, who's shooting-up hard drugs in the ladies' room. And Donald Duck has made the bigtime again as a New York producer, but a Senate investigating committee is closing in on him, and maybe the Mafia doesn't like it.

Campbell Black's *And They Used to Star in Movies* is Disneyland gone mad, another part of the American Dream turned into a grubby scandal. But it is more than innocence betrayed, for the innocence was illusory anyway. We learn what was really going on when these stars were at their height. We learn about the in-fighting—Donald's jealousies of Mickey—and about the promotion party for *Bambi* when Mickey sloped off to the master bedroom with "that lousy hooker" Snow White, while Minnie, in despair, spent the night with Popeye on his yacht. Now, divorced and having gone through most of the male cartoon characters of her time, the Minnie (played by Little Nell) says: "How'd it ever get like this, Mickey?"

In Mr Black's hands, and in the mouths of Disney's characters, the familiar lines are more pungent, and funnier than before. When Mickey talks to the barman about wanting to be more than the "funny guy", and dreams of making a film with Visconti, perhaps a "movie of Baudelaire's later poetry", we know the talent isn't there. Richard O'Brien's splendid portrayal of Mickey shows that even the voice is a fake, his natural voice is hoarse, dissolute; the cute, funny voice belongs to the past, he now saves it for the telephone of his nostalgic fans.

But it's better for Mickey than for Donald. Mickey still has Minnie, and drink helps him through the night, his pipe-dreams intact for another day. Donald, marvellously played by Philip Sayer as a feathered Peter Lawford, speaks formally, calls Mickey Michael, but lives in constant fear, and perhaps with reason.

The Soho Poly's production of the play is tight, beautifully designed and costumed, and directed by Colin Bucksey with great humour. If the play has a fault, it is the lack of ending, but these pipe-dreams, unlike those in *The Iceman Cometh*, probably cannot end, even with the implied violence.

Billy Connolly
New Victoria

Alan Hamilton

Billy Connolly is the latest of *a long and honourable line of* comics who have mined the rich, fruity yet bitter vein of Glasgow folklore. But whereas Will Fyffe and Harry Lauder refined and laundered their material for human consumption, Connolly delivers it, raw as a broken-off screwtop, straight from the Ibrox terraces and the Saturday-night gutters of Argyle Street.

He is a Pie-eyed Piper who leads his willing listeners back to the Clyde for a bitterly nostalgic tour of their own bodily functions. Sheer accuracy of observation and universality of appeal keep him afloat just above the Plimsoll line of total vulgarity; even in the effete city of Edinburgh 40 miles away, we used to wet our pants at school.

Since his last appearance in London for a one-night *shop* window performance at the Palladium earlier this year, Connolly's timing and delivery have improved greatly with his growing confidence before an audience which was at least partly English. But some comprehension gap still remains; natives of Tunbridge Wells will howl at his sad story of the drunk who drops his whisky bottle, but they will never fully understand the significance of wellies in Glasgow culture.

Glaswegians revel in language, and make colourful and brilliant use of it in a way which can make the broadest Cockney sound dull and pedestrian. Connolly, a product of a Partick primary school, a Govan shipyard and the Territorial Army, topped off by finishing school as a pub folk-singer, *comes over as perfectly* natural and unforced; his audience roll helplessly in the aisles, chewing the carpet and slapping their thighs.

Someone takes a flash picture, momentarily distracting him. "That doesnae worry me, son; I used to be a welder." And of course he was a welder. "Shurrup, ya animal", he tells a rowdy, "the last time I saw a mouth like that, Lester Piggott was sitting behind it". With animals like that in Glasgow, no wonder Jacques Costeau never comes up the Clyde.

RPO/Macal
Festival Hall

Stephen Walsh

Although framed by works famous for their brilliant orchestration, Tuesday's concert under the young Moravian conductor, Zdenek Macal, demonstrated rather badly the truism that in music brilliant does as brilliant is.

Dvorak's Cello Concerto is much less ostentatiously well scored than Strauss's *Also sprach Zarathustra*, and even than Berlioz's *Benvenuto Cellini*, but in the end its orchestration is more impressive because a perfect servant of what is said. In the Strauss, one sometimes feels that the scoring is designed to conceal: in the Dvorak, it invariably reveals.

Paul Tortelier has for years taken advantage of the concerto's miraculous transparency to treat the solo part with extreme expressive freedom, always to beautiful effect. There were times on Tuesday when I felt the tendency *threatening to become* a mannerism; but still the result was moving and deeply poetic.

In *manipulating* individual phrases in such a solipsistic fashion, Tortelier unquestionably does damage to the concerto's grand design. Moreover, these days, the process apparently involves risks to intonation and articulation, neither of which were completely secure in this performance.

Nevertheless, one warms to Tortelier's gift for, as it were, cellistic speech, and there is no work in the repertoire that responds to it so well.

Macal had some difficulty in making Strauss's ponderous epic add up after the *Dvorak*. But he at least conducted a well controlled performance, if not a notably dazzling one. The main problem for the orchestra lay in intonation, and that was not confined to the Strauss, for Dvorak's exposed woodwind writing produced some pungent discords not native to the work's harmony.

The Strauss performance left one marvelling that a composer could experiment so freely and brilliantly with his materials, and at such a period in history, without its leading to anything of an ultimately revolutionary significance in his own later work.

London debut

The young Dutch cellist Herre-Jan Stengenga seems likely to develop into an interesting and reliable chamber musician. He has a clean-cut, direct way of playing which lends itself to successful ensemble work and *produced moments of outstanding* music-making with his partner, Rudolf Jansen, in Beethoven's Op 5 No 2 sonata. This often emerges as more of a work for the piano than for the cello, yet, aided by the sensitive musicianship of his pianist, Mr Stengenga struck the right balance and together they produced a crisp, intelligent performance.

As yet, however, despite an assured technique, Mr Stengenga is somewhat less successful with the more romantic side of the cello repertoire, as *in the Hendrik Andriessen* sonata where the gentle lyrical warmth of the Andante tranquillo needed to breathe more freely. But doubtless this aspect of Mr Stengenga's technique will evolve before long and complement his already considerable potential.

Keith Horner

Everybody on trial

Plaintiffs and Defendants
BBC 1

Leonard Buckley

"Any of your cases interesting?" the lunchtime mistress asked the barrister as she clung with a desperate brightness to their dying affair. "Only if you're interested in mess and defeat", he replied. You could have taken this brief exchange as a comment on this play as a whole. Simon Gray did not give us characters on Tuesday to engage our sympathy or to command our respect. The barrister was jaded. His mistress was tiresome and his wife was wrapped up in her academic job. We might have warmed to their son, but, in the manner of 16-year-olds, he was hostile and withdrawn. These characters were true enough. But there was nobody we could really like.

With that settled early on, we could sit back to enjoy the performance. This was an alpha exercise in gamma minus people. We could savour it episode by episode as the scenes changed jerkily like the slides in a magic lantern show. Glimpses of the barrister's pro*fessional work gave substance* to the title, but for Mr Gray the private life of his characters was all in a courtroom too. Everybody was on trial and the verdict was going against the lot.

It was a play of literate bickering and bedroom frustration. And with *the* author's clever dialogue it was all most civilized. When the wife exploded momentarily into violence or when later the barrister's pupil dropped dead after a game of squash, we were less concerned with the human tragedy than with the evident *breach of good manners*. That was the sort of people they were.

The people, however, were all beautifully acted, from Dinsdale Landen's confidential friend, who allowed the barrister opportunities to examine himself, to Georgina Hale as his mistress, Rosemary McHale as his wife, and Daniel St George as the son. Alan Bates as the barrister dominated the proceedings as was intended. You could not help wondering how quickly in the intimacy of television you might tire of the thoughtful stare and the loaded pause that are his *chief mannerisms. But in the* short hour of this *Play for Today* he used both to brilliant effect.

Beaux Arts Trio
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Alan Blyth

After such a wholly satisfying concert as the Beaux Arts gave for the climax of their British tour on Tuesday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, one wants to write either the single word "*superb*", or *else a paean of* Shavian length. When they are on this kind of form, Beethoven's music seems to leap off the page as a spontaneous recreation, all points considered to the full yet never sounding stale or overplayed.

The marvel of their ensemble, of the natural give and take between three friends, can by now be taken for granted. What seemed special on this occasion, and needing particular noting, was the keenness with which they distinguished between the various periods represented by the works performed. The C minor from Opus 1 came first, and here the manner adopted was all crystalline clarity within a small, perfectly defined dynamic range.

Textures throughout the work were almost diaphanous, and they were based on the finely articulated playing of Menahem Pressler, to which the violin of *Isidore Cohen and the cello of* Bernard Greenhouse added the exceptional purity of their line and intonation. Such comparative simplicity of approach did not preclude the intensity needed for the variations or the repose for the final coda, where the conversation ended in a perfect balance of *ideas*.

The jump to Opus 121, the *Kakadu* variations, was at once apparent in the more serious, larger style applied to the opening Fantasia, which seems to peer forward to Beethoven's last period. Then with the appearance of the theme in its own *right, all was sunny delight*, with the cockatoo variation the most telling example of how a continuing relationship among chamber players can enhance the freedom in matters of rhythms and rubato. This was a marvellously relaxed, harmonious reading.

The Archduke justly proved the climax of this Beethoven series, and here the manner was grander still. Whether in the miracles of finesse performed in the opening movement's development, the serpentine start to the Trio then bursting forth into a waltz, or the whole *shaping of the great Andante* cantabile, where Pressler became almost a third string player, the interpretation ebbed and flowed in an unforgettable way. Perhaps the return to the theme in the slow movement was its most inward moment. The Finale, full of expressive and daring detail, crowned the evening. Just one complaint: with performances like these, all repeats would have been more than welcome.

House-warming party for Scottish Opera

Die Fledermaus
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

William Mann

Scottish Opera not only moved into its first theatrical home on Tuesday evening but threw a house-warming party. At six in the evening there was a small ceremony, token of an official opening, when David Donaldson's recent portrait of Alexander Gibson was unveiled on the staircase between stalls and circle. A few minutes later the audience, who had balloted for tickets, was allowed entrance, a good hour before the *show* began, to wander round the theatre, admire the brightly decorated and lit foyer, the scrubbed-*stone staircase*, the mysterious yet cosy corridors and bars, and the elegant plaster moulding of balconies and ceilings and proscenium, all restored in the late Victorian style of the old theatre.

There was not much room for circulation during intervals, but in the auditorium the seats proved comfortable, with room for long legs and adequate sight lines—though from the back of the first circle one cannot see far above stage-level. Music and spoken dialogue sounded clear, resonant and vivid: the acoustics appear well-judged, not least (I suspect) because the orchestra pit extends backwards below the stage, allowing room for a sizable band without fear that singers will be swamped.

On this inaugural evening the opera was *Die Fledermaus*, a *recent production* by David Pountney, performed only a few times before arriving at the Theatre Royal. It was undoubtedly chosen as a cheerful, colourful spectacle for a grand Scottish jollification. Scottish Television, who have supported Scottish Opera since 1962, and who sold the theatre to its present occupants, relayed the performance live on colour television so that the great occasion might be witnessed by everybody who had not been able to get a seat in the theatre.

Strauss was prefaced by a *braw fanfare, the work of* Robin Orr, who managed to include Scottish, Irish and Welsh traditional tunes among the tuckets and view-halloos. Prince Orlofsky's party was enhanced by a floor show of solos from favourite singers: Robert Tear in "Dalla sua pace", Patricia Kern in the rondo-finale of Rossini's *Cenerentola*, Charles Craig in "Nessun dorma", David Ward in Mephistopheles's serenade from Gounod's *Faust*, and William McCue in full Highland dress singing "Bonny Strathay".

Scotland also found a way into the rest of *Fledermaus* with John Lawson Graham's Friday-night-Glaswegian Frosch, full of hallowed, still funny comic routines and topical gags ("This'll be a great wee jail when it's finished . . . can we stay longer than a week?") and *with Patricia Hay's Adele* high-class in song, intimately local in dialogue especially with her sister Ida, Morag Mackay. The jail was decorated with a portrait of the company's general administrator and musical director as joint monarchs in this far-flung outpost of the Holy Roman Empire.

Patriotic pride and surprise, and thankfulness that the miracle had occurred and home been achieved, blurted out in Peter Ebert's introduction to the cabaret, and in other speeches at curtain-fall. Pats on the back were, no question, on the schedule for this splendid, almost incredible occasion; at long last an opera house for Scotland, and a lovely one as well. Internationalism was remembered, too, in Richard Greager's Spaghetti House Alfred (excellently sung), Rosa*linda's Czardas which Catherine* Wilson delivered in impressive Hungarian, and indeed an Australian guest at the party.

Viennese this *Fledermaus* is not—except from the pit, where Gibson conducted a deliciously lilting, affectionately Straussian reading, played with likable assurance by Scottish Philharmonia. It was an evening of joy and relief all round. The success of the company's new home cannot reasonably be judged until after the first serious opera performance, Verdi's *Otello*, which followed next day and on which I shall report tomorrow.

Play based on life of Jimmy Wilde

The Phoenix Theatre in Leicester are preparing for the first performance, on October 30, of a new play by Phil Woods, their Thames Television Writer-in-Residence, directed by Michael Boganov with designs by Paul Bannister. *Johnny Boxer*, as it is called is about a hungry fighter from London's East End who became a champion in the mid Twenties. It is inspired by the life of Jimmy Wilde.

Leslie Phillips in another comedy

Leslie Phillips, who had a phenomenal run in *The Man Most Likely To . . .* at the Duke of York's Theatre, returns there to star in another comedy, *Roger's Last Stand*. The play has been adapted by Peter Thwaites from the original by the Dutch playwright, Dimitri Frankel Frank.

The play is presented by Charles Ross Productions with Dodie Cushingham and opens on November 3

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This is a unique organization, essential in its purpose, manifold in its operations and almost visionary in its goals. There are so many facets to it that description is difficult, but it can be rewardingly glimpsed through the eyes of various Sabahans who may enjoy the benefits which flow from it.

First, for the politically aware, there is satisfaction in knowing that 3,300 square miles of forest, Sabah's primary and largest natural resource, have been assigned to the Foundation for permanent sustained exploitation. It is being worked at the rate of 30 square miles a year, which means that a 100-year regeneration cycle is possible. With the world's reserves of tropical hardwoods diminishing rapidly, Sabah may eventually find itself the proud owner of an international asset of great value—yet have made money from it all the time. In eight years' time, when the holders of present concession areas have completed felling, the Foundation, representing all Sabahans, will be Sabah's only timber producer; the contrast with days when the forests were worked almost solely by foreign companies will be dramatic.

In the same vein of economic nationalism, Sabahans are pleased to know that their timber is being shipped to its markets (primarily in Japan) in ships which the Foundation operates in joint venture with Japanese interests and will eventually own. Similarly, the Foundation's current programme of bringing foreign investors into joint ventures for timber processing, so that log exports will eventually cease, is movement in the right direction.

And so is its enterprise, with The North Borneo Timbers Berhad as its partner, in replanting approximately 150,000 acres of former forest land with quick-growing pulp trees, eventually to make Sabah a major pulp producer, and perhaps a papermaker as well.

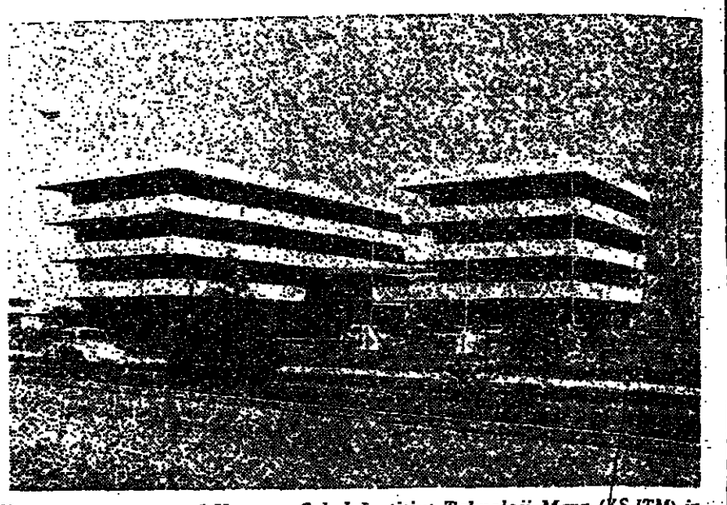
From timber sales great revenue accrues—$168 million from the time the Foundation began logging in 1971 till the end of last year. About a quarter of this goes to royalties (so that State government is also richer) and slightly more than a quarter to extraction expenses. The rest is available for disbursement in the Foundation's various attractive ways.

The key man in all this has been Datuk Syed Kechik bin Syed Mohamed, Director of the Foundation since it was set up in 1967. At that time it was little more than a welfare organization to promote education. But later Datuk Syed Kechik negotiated with the timber concessionaires for the return from their concessions of the huge areas it now holds on behalf of the people. Working this forest has made the Foundation by far the biggest, richest and most important statutory organization in Malaysia.

Recently, Datuk Syed Kechik, whose work with the Foundation has been part-time and honorary, indicated his intention to resign and to concentrate full-time on the business of his law firm, property developments and other commercial interests. Announcing this, Tun Mustapha praised Datuk Syed Kechik's dynamic personality, capability and enthusiasm.

Now, what has been done with the money the Foundation has earned? A recent tour Datuk Syed Kechik made in Peninsular Malaysia gives one illustration. In four different centres, Penang, Seremban, Johor Baru and Kuala Trengganu, he met almost all of the 742 secondary-level students from Sabah who are studying in Peninsular Malaysia on Sabah Foundation scholarships (nearly 200 more have completed their studies and returned home); and it is a measure of the man that, instead of repeating himself each time, he gave four different speeches.

Nor does the Foundation help students only at secondary level. Another 58 are studying at tertiary level in Peninsular Malaysia, 23 are in Britain and there is one in New Zealand. Seventy students have received "study loans". This programme has been under way since 1969, and some of its graduates are already back in Sabah, helping to overcome the State's critical shortage of professional skills.



Temporary campus of Yayasan Sabah-Institiut Teknoloji Mara (YS-ITM) in Kota Kinabalu. The four-storey building was built by the Sabah Foundation at a cost of $1.5 million.

But the greatest effort has been exerted within Sabah. This year, more than 2,000 children who would otherwise probably have had to drop out are in secondary schools throughout the State under a scholarship scheme.

And scores of them, moreover, live in hostels provided by the Foundation, under an elaborate scheme designed to ensure that any child who qualifies for secondary school, no matter how remote his home from town, can do so.

Thus Sabah's secondary schools are at times exotic with the presence of children from mountain communities far from any trace of civilization or from fishing villages on the most remote reaches of Sabah's 1,000-mile coastline.

Recently, with this part of the educational explosion catered for, the Foundation has turned to more sophisticated projects, such as the establishment of university-level campuses. Two are already working in temporary quarters and its partners in these projects set about creating permanent institutions on a rather grand scale.



Senator Datuk Syed Kechik, Director (Executive Head) of the Sabah Foundation and Chairman of Sabah Tourist Association.

One of the campuses, a branch of Malaysian National University, was opened only six months after it was approved, with site cleared, buildings erected and staff recruited, 16 miles south of Kota Kinabalu.

Nor is education the end of the Foundation story. Consider also its scheme, just getting under way, for sports complexes for every town in Sabah. The first and biggest of these, a grand project covering 320 acres, will be in Kota Kinabalu. It will have outdoor and indoor stadiums, a swimming pool, a gymnasium and club house, playing fields and courts and a training track.

Less ambitious schemes are in the pipeline for other towns, reaching down to playing fields and playgrounds for communities with fewer than 10,000 people.

The Foundation also runs a flying doctor service, which has a doctor and nurses travelling by helicopter to a pattern of remote villages inaccessible by road or by water. This service has been in operation for some weeks, already with notable results on the social life as well as the health of these communities—flying doctor's day draws the crowds, so markets have arisen at every calling point.

As well as sports complexes, the Foundation is also providing office buildings in towns throughout the State, which will include also such amenities as *libraries, conference halls, hostels, cultural and art galleries and clinics.*

The money for these buildings and for the 30-storey headquarters tower will come mainly from the sale of buildings on a 25-acre reclamation and development projecton the Kota Kinabalu waterfront. This scheme, involving 188 four-storey shophouses, two 12-storey blocks and other buildings, will be completed this year.

Finally, and most remarkable of all, there is the Tun Datu Haji Mustapha Trust, which distributes part of the profit from timber sales directly to the adult population of Sabah. Any law-abiding adult Malaysian citizen resident in Sabah can become a unit-holder in the fund, eligible for its periodic distributions.

There have been three of these so far, in 1971, 1973 and 1974, with slightly over £10 being given to each person each time. About 258,000 people benefited last year—practically the entire adult population of the State. Payments may seem small, but they mean a lot to subsistence farmers and fishermen, especially as several payments may go into one household.

And these are early days yet. The Foundation is still less than 10 years old, and has been rich for only five. But in its rapid, corner-cutting ways it has made a considerable impact on the State which gave it birth.

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SABAH'S ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUE

abah, formerly British North orneo, is no longer the undistinuished backwater it used to be. The des of regional events, and some rofound changes in its own aspiraons, have brought it more and more nto the mainstream of South-East sian affairs. Its 12 years as part of lalaysia, one of the most stable and apidly growing of developing ations, have so transformed the abah scene that people who knew it colonial times would be astonished they were to revisit it today.

Acute awareness of change would egin right at the airport in Kota inabalu (formerly Jesselton), amed after the 13,455 ft Mt Kinalu, the highest peak between the limalayas and New Guinea. The airort handles aircraft direct from uala Lumpur, Singapore, Hongong and Manila, suggesting that abah's central position in the region ould be a factor in its growth.

Then the town itself would occaion surprise, since it has long lost ts Lord Jim air of lazy boredom. Traffic jams may not be a town's best estimonial but they do indicate at least verve and vivacity, and Kota Kinabalu has plenty. Then our visitor would notice that the town is clean, free from hawkers, and even from cyclists, because everyone seems to travel by car. In Sabah per capita income is higher than that of the Prime Minister.

And so on. In every aspect, in every part of its territory, Sabah is making haste to catch up with the rest of a region which had long ignored, or snubbed it. Forest wealth has been creatively tapped, oil is being produced offshore, a big copper mine has been opened, oil palm and cocoa estates are spreading their areas, and down in the south-east 150,000 acres of worked-over jungle is being planted with fast-growing pulp trees for a future pulp and paper industry. All this is creating a flow of money which has permitted spectacular infrastructure growth, particularly in education.

And all this is taking place within an increasingly stabilized federal system which, as it grows in maturity, serves well the needs of such a



Tun Datu Haji Mustapha bin Datu Harun, Chief Minister of Sabah, who is also Chairman of the Sabah Foundation.

diverse nation as Malaysia is. Increasingly the 700,000 Sabahans, who a generation ago knew about Singapore and Hongkong but who often had not even heard of Kuala Lumpur, look to it as the most important city in their lives. Intercourse at all levels between Kota Kinabalu and Kuala Lumpur, the federal capital, is considerable, whether it involves politicians and public servants, or businessmen, or young people headed for holidays or higher education.

The survival of the federation is cause for pride. There have been forces working for schism, and there have been mistakes on both sides, but in general political problems of centre-state relations have been well handled. Each year which passes sees a higher proportion of Sabahans educated to take Malaysia for granted; and this, coupled with manifest development everywhere, is a growing guarantee that the federal connexion will prosper.

A key figure in this process of consolidation has been Tun Datu Mustapha bin Datu Harun, prominent in Sabah's affairs even before Malaysia was formed in 1963 and Chief Minister since 1967. He more than any other single person must be given credit for the speed of Sabah's leap from colonial backwardness into the last quarter of the 20th century. The average young Sabahan today enjoys prospects vastly more favourable than those of his parents.

Working in a complicated administrative situation, with many niceties of federal-state relations to be observed, and in an even more complicated political situation, with many racial and religious susceptibilities lying in wait as traps for the unwary, Tun Mustapha has been able to change the State's prospects out of sight—largely by the force of his own personality. His is a dynamic approach to administration which has achieved results where more conventional methods would have bogged down. When future histories of Sabah are written, the role of this former houseboy will claim much attention.

Not that all the State's problems, economic or political, have been solved. Not by any means. The economy, for instance, is still marked by a kind of dualism, with two different economies side by side—one modern and highly developed and the other traditional and backward, marked by subsistence farming and fishing. In general the west coast, though it has Kota Kinabalu, is more backward, the east coast is the developing frontier, its growth spawned by timber and moving now into oil palm, cocoa and forest plantations, more efficient fishing and timber processing.

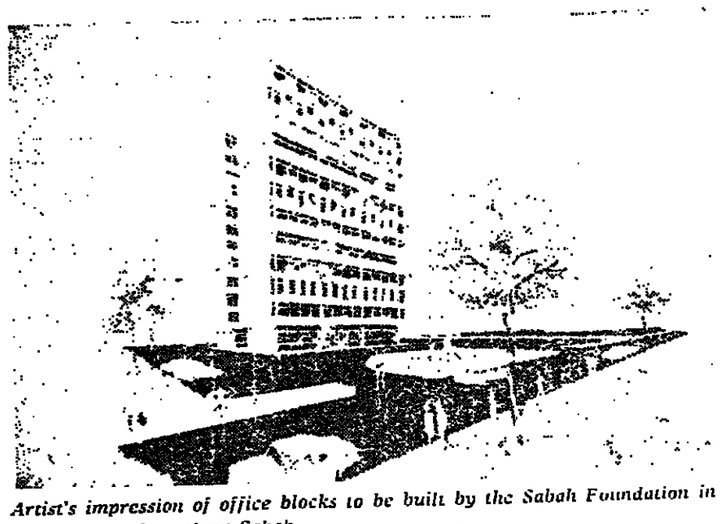
On the face of it this is creating jobs for the farmers and fishermen of the west coast, but in practice persuading them to move—though there is a road now across the State from Kota Kinabalu to Sandakan—is difficult. In the absence of significant internal migration, many of the jobs have gone to Filipinos and Indonesians, who find in Sabah living standards far higher than they can hope for at home.

In the meantime the subsistence farmers stay at home—often not just a passive problem but an active one. This is because many of the farmers live by shifting cultivation, moving from plot to plot through the mountains every few years, damaging both soil and forest growth. Persuading these people to give up their traditional livelihood and to settle in land schemes or to move to the new industries is a high priority task, but in practice definitive results may have to wait upon the impact of education.

This is already considerable and the pace is picking up, despite formidable construction and staffing problems; this year alone the State Public Works Department has almost 600 school building projects to handle, and the State's schools need hundreds of trained teachers.

Primary school enrolments have leaped from 63,000 in 1963, the last year of colonial rule, to 133,000 this year, or about 90 per cent of all school-age children. By 1985 it should reach 204,000. Similarly, secondary school rolls have risen from 6,575 in 1963 to 48,000 this year; and will reach 113,000 by 1985.

Nor is this achievement just a matter of numbers. Great efforts are being made to ensure that children can continue their education as long as they continue to pass examinations. Tertiary level institutions have



Artist's impression of office blocks to be built by the Sabah Foundation in major towns throughout Sabah.

been set up and will grow rapidly, and hundreds of young people have been sent to Peninsular Malaysia for university and other courses.

In the long run this educational effort will do more to transform Sabah than the more formal development programmes now under way, involving roads, airports, ports, radio and television services, hospitals and so on. This is because these young people will grow up in a society breaking sharply away from the racial and religious biases which have long dominated Sabah's affairs, and will be much more Sabahan and Malaysian in outlook. Evidence is already accumulating that this change is dramatically under way.

So the future is bright, especially as the State's considerable resources are now being exploited in rational, long-range manner. The forests in particular are being conserved, mainly through the agency of the Sabah Foundation, and Sabah should remain a considerable producer of high-grade hardwoods for ever: in addition, the new pulp plantations will become the bases of entirely new industries.

The copper mine at Mamut, on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu, is producing after more than five years of road building and site preparation in rugged country. Offshore, important oil discoveries have been made. Esso is already taking about 4,000 barrels of high-grade, low-sulphur crude from one discovery, Shell has reported others, and other companies are engaged in exploration.

These enterprises, and others to come, seem certain to guarantee Sabahans one of the highest living standards in South-East Asia. There are, after all, only about 700,000 of them, and this fortunate State has both resources and room for all, as well as a determination that all shall benefit. This is a State which opens its arms to the investor who would share in its good future, and about which much more will be heard.

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from its timber operations. However, it has always been the company's intention to broaden and expand its operations in Malaysia, and, with this in mind, the original shareholders reserved a certain number of shares for Bumiputra interests when they offered just over 30 per cent of the company to the public in 1969.

In 1972, the company had a rights issue of one for ten to finance further expansion: and the overseas shareholders renounced their entitlement in favour of Bumiputra institutions with the result that the company is now owned as to just over 12 per cent by Bumiputra interests.

These moves were made prior to the announcement of the new economic policy. This policy called on all foreign controlled companies in Malaysia to make a determined effort to Malaysianise, and, in particular, to ensure that at least 30 per cent of their business was both Bumiputra owned and managed.

Accordingly, in 1974, the company reached agreement with the Sabah Foundation with a view to undertaking a major re-afforestation programme described in another article.

This project was the subject of exhaustive studies by the company's own staff and by international consultants and bankers. All the indications are that the demand for paper and paper board will increase more rapidly in South-East Asia than elsewhere in the world during the next decade and Sabah, with its fast growth rates and developing infrastructure, is ideally placed to meet this demand.

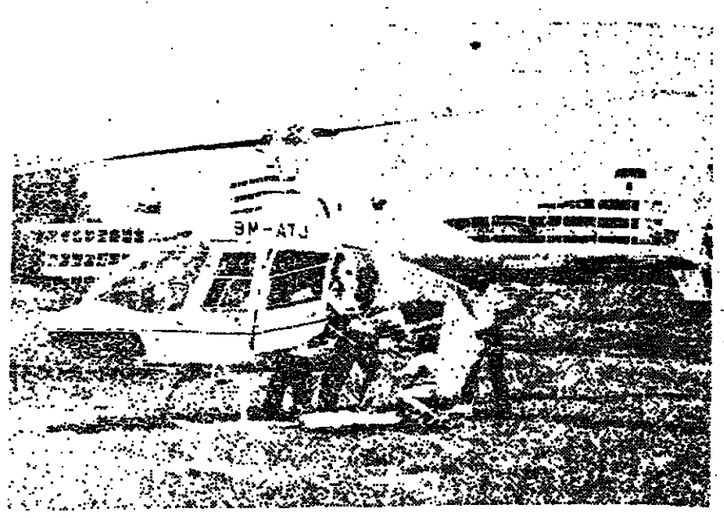
SOCIAL CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY

The village of Buayan is hidden in the mountains behind Kota Kinabalu, easily accessible only by helicopter—it's a 20-minute ride. But he who has not got a helicopter and wants to visit Buayan must prepare himself for a two-day walk up and down hills—mostly up; getting back to the road takes only a day, since the path is mostly down.

Since virtually everything in Buayan is either made or grown there, or carried in on people's backs, it has not much to offer in material terms. Its people, scattered through nearby valleys, are farmers; its school, established in 1967, is primitive; only regular visits by the Sabah Foundation's flying doctor break its quiet routine. You would think that children growing up here will have little choice except to remain, and become farmers and farmers' wives, like their parents.

But last year ten boys and girls, having passed primary school examinations in that little two-roomed school with its open sides and battered blackboards, packed their few spare clothes and headed off downhill to a secondary school in the nearest—but by no means near—town.

They are bright children. Most will do well in high school, perhaps some will go on to university or a college of some kind. All will receive government or Sabah Foundation assistance as long as they continue to pass their examinations. They are the first children from Buayan ever to enjoy the contemplation of different ways of life. They, and their brothers and sisters from similar mountain and coastal villages all over Sabah, represent a social revolution.



Sabah Foundation's Flying Doctor Team bringing in a seriously sick person from a remote village to hospital for treatment.

The educational explosion mentioned in another article in this report is already producing remarkable changes in Sabah's society. For the first time, for instance, the young people from a diversity of racial backgrounds can meet and converse easily in a common tongue, Malaysian.

The most recent accurate indicator of the complexity of Sabah's population comes from the January 1, 1975, register of the 260,000 people who applied to receive money during the Tun Datu Maji Mustapha Trust's periodic distributions of earnings from timber export sales. This register lists 14 races, not including the "others" who account for 12,000 people. They are, in alphabetical order, Bajau, Brunei, Bisaya, Chinese, Illanun, Kadazan, Kedayan, Malay, Murut, Rungus, Sino-Native, Suluk, Sungai. These races range in number from 2,500 to 85,000 and most of them have distinctive customs and cultures.

Education clearly is the unifying force, nd one of the most stimulating sights Sabah has to offer is a classroom in which young people of different races work together. The new schools cropping up all over the state perform therefore not only an economic role, producing the trained people Sabah so urgently needs, but a social and political one as well.

There is no evidence offering that the process of social unification which this involves is not going well, producing young people who think of themselves not primarily as members of small racial groups but as Sabahans and Malaysians.

The Malaysian link is crucial, and is manifested in many ways—most spectacularly each year on September 16, Sabah's Independence Day, for in Sabah independence came with the change from colonial status to participation in the Malaysian federation. The spirit of this association is strong enough now to make little of the fact that Kota Kinabalu is Malaysia's most distant state capital, closer to Saigon, Phnom Penh, Manila and Singapore than it is to Kuala Lumpur, 1,200 miles away.

Of the various associations which this entails, education (and its corollary, the use of the Malaysian language) is probably the most important. Sabah's children study a good Malaysian syllabus, and when they go on to tertiary schooling it will probably be in Sabah's branch campuses of Peninsular Malaysian institution, or in Peninsular Malaysia.

Also of importance to the integration of Sabah and Malaysia are physical communications, between east and west and within Sabah. The Malaysian Airline System runs frequent flights from Kuala Lumpur to Kota Kinabalu, and they pay very well, which is something the pundits did not expect when the service was proposed: now it seems people do not mind going to Singapore en route.

Within Sabah, important road projects have already linked Kota Kinabalu with Sandakan, on the east coast, which is sometimes called the commercial capital of Sabah, because it is here that the timber trade is based.

Another new road is driving up from Tawau and Lahad Datu on the east coast (which are also considerable timber ports) to link with the east-west road to Sandakan. Another route getting a lot of attention will link Sandakan with Kudat at the northern tip of Sabah.

Most of these projects are beset with difficulties, because terrain is often hilly or swampy—and where it is swampy fill material is often far away. But these and others are being pushed ahead with some determination, to the extent that the young people now in schools can reasonably expect to drive where they now must walk, or fly, or travel by boat, within a few years.

This is bound to be a factor in persuading people to vary their traditional attitudes, even to the extent of moving from the poorer areas of the west coast to the jobs awaiting in the east. (At present, for lack of such movement, Sabah provides jobs for thousands of men from Indonesia and the Philippines.)

Thus Sabah's future is one in which a generation of young people much better educated than their parents will enjoy both means and incentives to improve their standards of living. Already Sabah scores well in terms of per capita income—its figures are among the highest in Asia outside Japan—but distribution is badly flawed. The changes which are coming will involve also opportunities to remedy this.

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The land below the wind



View of Mt. Kinabalu from Kota Belud

Tourism is one of Sabah's great resources in reserve. Though Sabah has much to offer visitors, it has not yet the means to accommodate or move them in any great numbers, but these will come. And then it will surely be found that the island of Borneo in general, and the State of Sabah in particular, is one of the world's great preserves of fascination.

To start at the top, as it were, consider Mt Kinabalu, 13,455ft high, a hallowed peak among the Kadazans, a navigation point for old-time sailors, a symbol of the state and a climb which lures increasing numbers of young people—and the not-so-young; the oldest person to complete the "stiff walk" to the top was 84.

The mountain, the highest peak in South-east Asia, is the focus of the Kinabalu National Park, which has headquarters offering visitors good chalet-type accommodation at a refreshingly cool altitude. Many people are content to stay here for a few days but the peak draws many more.

Because it is best to arrive at the top at sunrise, when visibility is good, climbers stay overnight in huts a couple of thousands feet below, and start for the top just before dawn. A guide is compulsory, porters are available, and serious accidents on the well-marked trail are unknown. The climb is an increasingly popular one among young Malaysians.

But for less energetic travellers Sabah still has plenty to offer. As the Sabah Tourist Association guidebook, explaining why the state is known as "the land below the wind", says: "Rocked by gales, lashed by driving rain (seafarers) suddenly found the seas around Sabah so tranquil that the waters might well be those of another world. And, in a way, they were right."

It is another world of one of the oldest forest in the world, home of the orang-utan, "man of the jungle". Of valleys terraced and green with rice fields. Of people whose lives are happy and colourful with old and venerable traditions. Of sun-spoiled beaches and crystalline waters over spectacular coral reefs. Of an unhurried and friendly way of life which bids the visitor stay a little longer. Sabah, as the book says, "is the place to rediscover that the world was beautiful until man polluted it".

Racial and cultural diversity is Sabah's greatest charm. Consider the Rungus, still living in longhouses, still blissfully pagan, still weaving their own cloth in fascinating designs. Or the Kadazans, with their black clothes and distinctive embroideries, and with their conical hats of woven bamboo, with their harvest festivals and ancient dances.

Or the Bajaus, many of them still fishermen and sea dwellers like their forefathers, others settled as farmers, growing rice, and rearing ponies which they caparison in fantastic manner. Or the Muruts, the jungle dwellers, hunting wild boar and other game with bamboo spears or with blowpipes, drinking a potent rice wine, growing their dry rice in "slash-and-burn" manner on steep hillsides.

All these and other peoples meet about once a week at the tamu, or market, an occasion to exchange gossip as well as to trade, to share a hand-rolled cigar with a friend as well as to stock up with delicacies for the children.

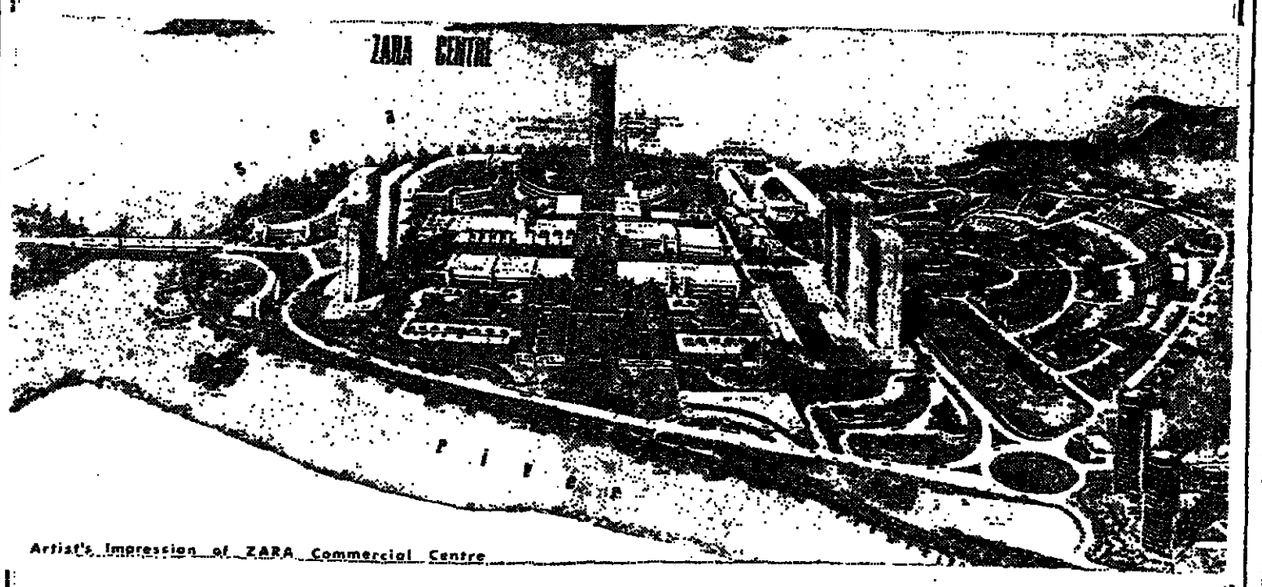
Then there is the wild life, especially more than 600 species of birds, and the not-entirely-wild life of Sepilok, inland from Sandakan, where orang-utans which had been brought up in captivity are trained to fend for themselves in the wild.

And then lest the reader get the impression that Sabah is nothing but jungle and jungle people, there are the towns, especially Kota Kinabalu and Sanadakan, modern comfortable and replete with their own kinds of interest ,and Kudat, Kota Belud and Tawau, which all combine arresting elements of old and new.

Getting to Sabah is simple, since it is well served by aircraft direct from Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong and Manila. But good hotel accommodation is scarce. The Sabah Tourist Association (P.O. Box 946, Kota Kinabalu) will be happy to supply detained information.

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Development of rich resources

Malaysia's grandest development project, more important still in a world increasingly alarmed at the loss of its forests, is starting to spread across a huge tract of territory south-east Sabah. An area of 150,000 acres formerly of logged-over forest, not much use for anything as it stands, is being cleared of all remaining timber (which will be turned into woodchips and sold to Japan) and planted with fast-growing pulpwoods. In less than ten years' time Sabah will have a pulp and paper industry as a result.

The speed of change is impressive. A 300-acre nursery was established last year. The first seedlings were planted out in the field in June last year, and now the area planted exceeds 4,300 acres. About 1,000 men and women are engaged in the systematic business of tending seedlings, felling and clearing the forest, cutting planting lines, digging holes, planting and weeding.

Work is going so well that morale is high—and it is helped even more by the trees themselves. Consider an albizzia falcata which was planted in the field on June 17, 1974, when is was 3½ inches high. A year later it was 32ft high, and it had only to reach 35ft by September 17 to set a world record.

Its fellows of the same species are averaging two feet a month in growth. Other species being grown include gmelina arborea, eucalyptus, deglupta and pinus caribaea. First harvest is scheduled for 1982.

The plantation project is a joint venture between the Sabah Foundation (60 per cent) and the The North Borneo Timbers Berhad, which has had a long association with Sabah. About $5 million has been spent so far and investment will rise to $435 million by 1986.

In this dramatic fashion is Sabah, one of the world's great timber producers, affirming its faith in its primary industry. Though production in the short term must fall under the impact of conservation policies, in the long term the state will be a significant producer of both hardwoods and softwoods.

Hardwoods, from the virgin forests, will become increasingly the product of Sabah Foundation activities, since the biggest areas of remaining forest are vested in the Foundation. These areas total 3,300 square miles, and are being worked on an annual "coupe" of 30 square miles, so the logging will continue for 100 years. Though research into tropical hardwood forests is still in its infancy (and is hindered by the absence of growth rings in tree trunks, so ages can only be estimated), most foresters agree that a 100-year felling cycle, combined with good forest management, will allow ample time for regeneration.

In other words, this should be money for ever—a lot of money. In recent years about half of Sabah's state revenue has derived from forest royalties and other charges. Though the economy is now diversifying so other sources of income will arise, it is plain that forestry will remain fundamental to Sabah's prospects.

This of course presumes that international timber prices will treat Sabah and other producers fairly—and this is a fairly safe assumption, despite the woes which afflict other raw material producers, on at least two counts:

First, the world's reserves of tropical hardwoods are diminishing so rapidly that thoughtful marketing strategies in the future will be able to capitalise on scarcity; and

Second, the main timber producers of South-East Asia, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, have already formed an organization, the South-East Asia Lumber Producers' Association, or SEALPA, to devise such marketing strategies.

SEALPA was born last year out of an acute slump in timber prices. In March, 1974, top grade logs for Japan were selling in Sabah at US$2.28 a cubic foot, occasionally more. By October the price had crashed to $1.22, at times even to 80 cents, and at times there were no buyers offering. Production came almost to a standstill, thousands of men were laid off and millions of dollars' worth of logs rotted in their ponds.

The Sabah Foundation was less badly hit than other loggers, as buyers were eager to remain on good terms with such an important producer and as it had its own ships. Nonetheless its Director, Datuk Syed Kechik bin Syed Mohamed, responded instantly to proposals that timber interests in the three countries which eventually formed SEALPA should get together.



Some of the fast growing "Albizzia Falcata" pulpwood trees at the plantation near Tawau, planted by the Sabah Softwoods Sdn. Bhd., a joint-venture company formed between the Sabah Foundation Group and The North Borneo Timbers Berhad.

In Japan it was feared that this would produce a "timber shock" similar to the earlier "oil shock", but SEALPA has gone to great lengths to reassure its customers. Its approach has been not that of the oil producers but has been more directed to reducing production so that loggers do not suffer. The scheme has been more successful than its founders hoped, and the timber industry of the three countries has revived.

But the writing it still on the wall for the log-buying countries, especially Japan. National self-interest in the timber producing States dictates that they sell not logs but timber locally processed.

The story of the timber industry in future will be of joint ventures with Sabahan organizations to produce sawn wood, plywoods and veneers, floorings, knock-down furniture and other products. Already Sabah's statistics have begun to show a growing proportion of processed timber exports; some forestry officials hope that log exports will come to an end within five years.

Timber is Sabah's most important natural resource but it is not the only one. Both Shell and Exxon have made important oil discoveries off north-west Sabah, and Exxon is producing an initial 4,000 barrels a day. Shell has plans for an extensive tank farm on Labuan island, Sabah's free port—and Labuan harbour has become an anchorage for out-of-work supertankers whose harbour dues amount to a windfall for the port authority. Officials with some knowledge of oil discoveries predict that Sabah will eventually derive even more revenue from oil than it has done from timber.

Copper is the third important development, with a Japanese-Sabah joint venture at Mamut, high on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu, in full production after elaborate development work on a rugged site. Low grade copper ore deposits of about 180 million tons have been proven, and exports of 25 per cent copper concentrate (through Kota Belud) are expected to be worth about $100 million a year.

The Mamut project has awakened mining companies to Sabah's other offerings, and a great deal of prospecting is under way.

In agriculture, oil palm has supplanted rubber as Sabah's most important commercial crop. It is grown both on big estates and in land schemes set up to lure people away from their traditional methods of shifting agriculture. Rubber is less popular, as prices are low, but cocoa has all the appearance of being Sabah's new "hot crop". It flourishes particularly in the volcanic soils around Tawau, in the south-east, and production has increased steadily since exports began about ten years ago.

The fishing scene is also promising. Federal Ministers have gone on record as saying that the fish in Sabah waters "die only of old age", but their point has been taken and fishing is much more efficient than it was. Prawn fisheries in particular are prospering, with plenty of raw material in the sea and with Japan an ever-ready market for any marine delicacy.

These various industries are helping Sabah to emerge from colonial backwardness with impressive speed—and it is inevitable that there are more industries to come. The state is proving not to be only the fascinating waste of mountain and swamp which was all that so many of its early administrators perceived. It offers an economic diversity to attract the most cautious businessman, a unique combination of opportunities waiting to be grasped right next to well-tested and developed business facilities. The businessman arriving in Kota Kinabalu will find everything he needs, from comfortable accommodation to good communications and financial services.

But Kota Kinabalu would be just a beginning. Sabah is big, more than half the size of Peninsular Malaysia, and only travel within the State can awaken the visitor to its expansiveness. Time spent on this would be well spent.

Growth in timber industry

The North Borneo Timbers Berhad has been operating in Sabah for just over 25 years. After starting on a modest scale, the company prospered and now has more than 2,000 employees. Monthly log production capacity has increased from 300 to 60,000 cubic metres, an increasing proportion of which is processed in the company's veneer and sawmill plants.

Although the company has shipping interests based in Hong Kong, timber interests in New Zealand and manufacturing and trading interests in Peninsular Malaysia, its investment has always been centred in Sabah. It was among the first companies to enter into the development of plantations on the east coast of Sabah and now have 1,300 acres of cocoa in bearing. The company also operates a tyre retreading facility, which is capable of treating all sizes of tyres used in Sabah.

The company first entered the timber processing industry in Sabah in 1954. However, operations were seldom profitable until more recently. With the increasingly skilled work force available and the improved shipping services, the emphasis on local processing is increasing. A factory capable of producing 1,000 tons of mouldings per month is nearing completion and will come into full production later this year.

Despite the diversification of its interests, the company's main business remains the extraction of logs from its timber concessions. The systematic working of these concessions is carefully planned with all areas topographically surveyed up to five years before extraction begins.



Picture shows the loading of timber logs from Sabah for export to overseas markets, particularly Japan.

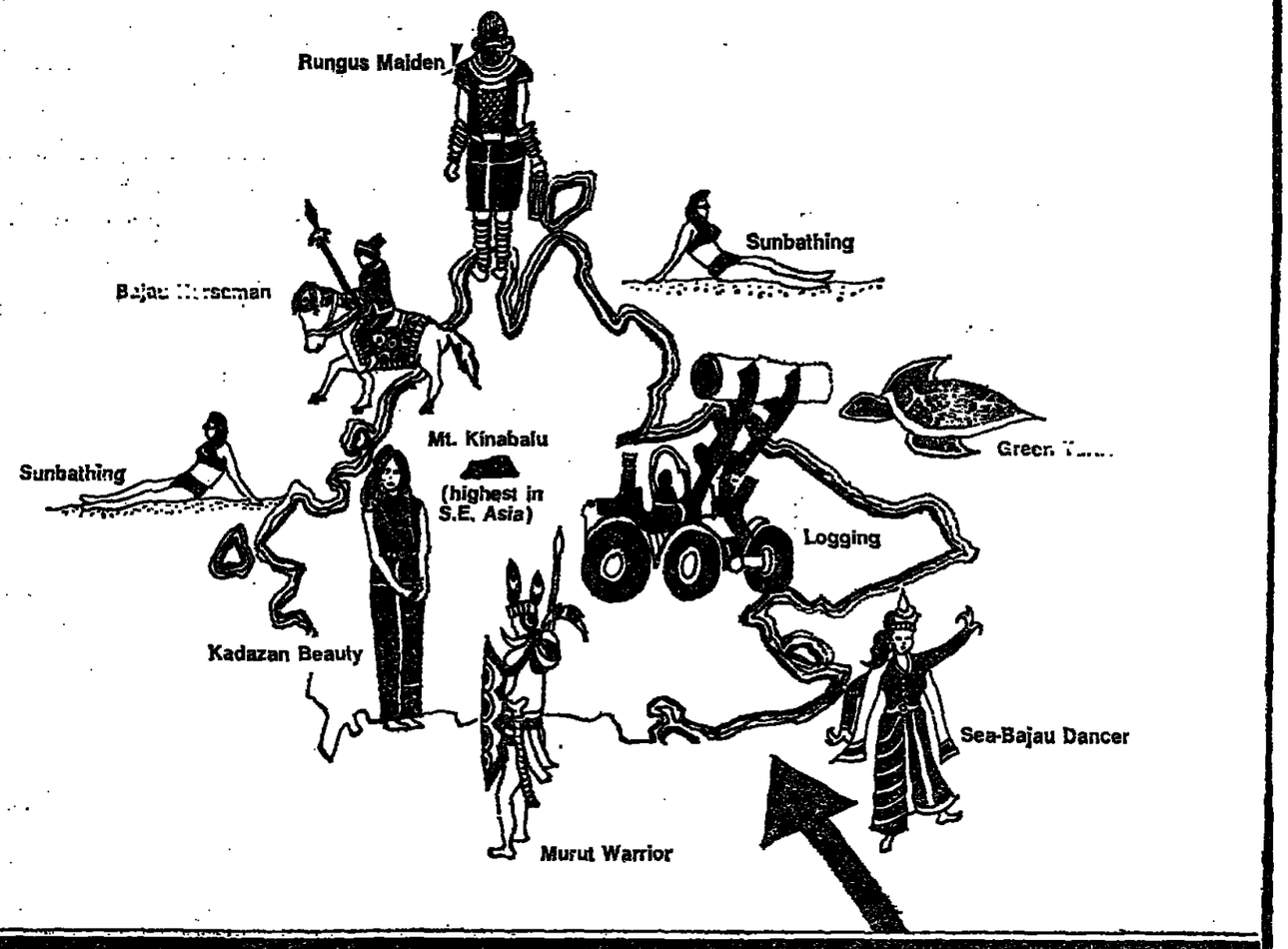
In order to enable extraction to continue smoothly even during the monsoon season, the company builds 50 miles of all-weather roads every year. This all-weather road system remains long after timber extraction has been completed and has proved to be of material assistance in opening up areas for agriculture. The longest road haul is 65 miles, while the annual expenditure on new plant and equipment is approximately MS5 million.

Forest operations are presently centred on two main forest camps, each of which is completely self-contained and equipped with first-class workshops, etc. All employees are housed in good modern accommodation with electricity and water supplied free of charge. The company provides schooling for children and medical services.

Until 1985 when the concessions expire, the company can be reasonably assured of a satisfactory income

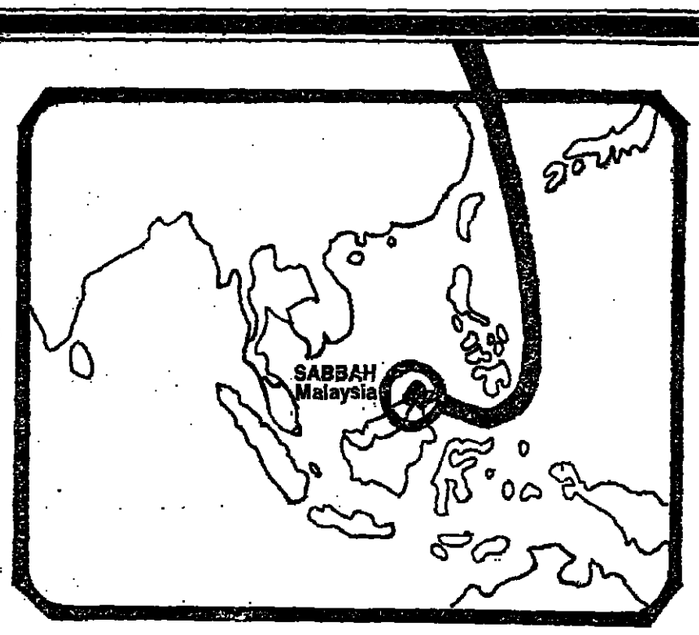
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SABAH Malaysia



'land below the wind'

The seafarers of old called it the "land below the wind". Rocked by gales, lashed by driving rain, their trading ships suddenly found the seas around Sabah so tranquil that the waters might as well be those of another world. And, in a way, they were right. Along with the rest of Borneo, Sabah preserves the wonders of the primeval world: in its forests stand trees so old that they are the prototypes of many species that people of our age know by name. The mountains of Sabah—Kinabalu is the tallest in South-East Asia—brood in beauty whose moods can be witnessed during the passage of a day. What ancient secrets they hold—about the beginnings of our world, about the origins of man in Asia—are now being unlocked by archaeologists. On Sabah's hillsides a rare experience awaits the traveller—he will come upon people of purer intentions than industrial man, people whose cunning is exercised not against fellow men but against nature and its tests for man with nothing more than a blowpipe and his simple forest traps. On the plains, the traveller will get a first hand view of how modern South-East Asian societies in the more sophisticated regions of this part of the world might have begun their passage to the electronic century. For Sabah is only now starting to shed its innocence.



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Logs which have just been felled from the Sabah jungles, being loaded onto a truck.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 15: The Hon Michael Somare (Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea) had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning and subsequently remained to luncheon with Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 15: The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, this morning opened the Diamond Jubilee Motor Show at Earls Court, London, SW5.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland and Miss Jennifer Thomson were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

October 15: The Duchess of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Catering Corps, today visited the Group Catering Scheme at Aldershot and subsequently, as Controller-Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, visited 10 Company WRAC.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance.

The Hon Hugh Astor regrets that he was unable to attend the memorial service for Mr Reginald Francis Pophan yesterday because of absence abroad.

Mr Kenneth Carpmael, QC, wishes his friends to know of his change of address from Queen Elizabeth Building, The Middle Temple, London, EC4, to c/o Mrs A. Klouda, 20 Fitz James Avenue, London, W14 0RP. Telephone 01-603 3078.

Birthdays today

Mr Edward Ardizzone, 75; Professor Sir Misha Black, 65; Sir George Bolton, 75; Sir Geoffrey Furlonge, 72; Dr W. W. Grave, 74; Sir John Imrie, 84; Sir Vincent Lloyd-Jones, 74; Sir John Winnifrith, 67.

Marriages

Mr J. H. D. Palmer and Mrs S. Baker

The marriage took place on October 15, 1975, between Mr John Hugh Derek Palmer, of Hurton, Somerset, and Mrs Sheila Baker, of Wroughton, Wiltshire.

Signor G. Tessarolo and Miss F. R. Thompson

The marriage took place yesterday in Rome between Signor Giampaolo Tessarolo and Miss Francesca Thompson, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Thompson, of Belchamp Walter.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Martin Rogers, aged 50, to be High Commissioner to The Gambia.

The Duke of St Albans to be honorary treasurer of the Friends of Friendless Churches, succeeding the late Sir Hamilton Kerr.

Sir Edward Fennessy, Deputy Chairman of the Post Office and Managing Director Telecommunications, to be president of the Royal Institute of Navigation.

Mr P. M. Dines, Headmaster of Cramlington High School, Northumberland, to join the Schools Council as a joint secretary designate on January 1, and to succeed Dr L. J. Stroud as joint secretary on Dr Stroud's retirement at the end of May.

Mr R. Hoyle and Mr B. Langton to be members of the Countryside Commission for three years.

Mrs Stella Greenall senior research officer, National Union of Students, to be a political adviser to Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr J. E. S. Jarrett, deputy director of the British Epilepsy Association, to be the first full-time *general secretary of the Institute* of Psycho-Analysis.

Legal

Mr J. N. Coffey to be a stipendiary magistrate for Greater Manchester from next Monday.

Next Lord Mayor of London

Alderman Lindsay Roberts Ring, who will be the next Lord Mayor of London, is to be appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE), it was announced from 10 Downing Street yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. F. Stewart and Miss J. A. George

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Sir Dugald and Lady Stewart, of The British Embassy, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and *Jacqueline*, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl George, of 22 Down Street, London, W1.

Mr C. J. Ballentyne and Miss P. A. van der Esch

The marriage has been arranged between Christopher John, son of Mr and Mrs D. F. Ballentyne, of Marlot, The Hague, and Phyllis Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. van der Esch, of Ukkel, Brussels.

Mr D. K. Blackmur and Miss R. E. Gordon

The engagement is announced between David Keith, only son of the late Mr D. E. Blackmur and Mrs R. K. Blackmur, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and Rosanne Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Major A. L. Gordon, M.B.E., of Highgate, London, and the late Mrs L. M. St B. Gordon.

Dr M. Burke and Dr J. I. Glover

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs T. Burke, of Abbott Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, *and* Jenifer Imogen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. C. Glover, of Rockshaw Road, Merstham, Surrey.

Mr S. J. L. Collins and Miss C. M. Minchin

The engagement is announced between Stephen John Laird, only son of Mrs Marjorie L. M. Collins, of Park Hill, Esher Park Avenue, Esher, Surrey, and the late Mr Raymond Laird Collins, and Christine Mary, daughter of Mrs Lillian M. Minchin and the late Mr Eric W. J. Minchin, of 59 Manor Road, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.

Dr W. J. Hughes and Miss L. B. G. Walt

The engagement is announced between William Jeffrey, son of Dr and Mrs W. J. Hughes, Amlwch, Anglesey, and Laura Harriet Gertrude, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. R. Walt, Boulder, Colorado. The marriage will take place on November 28, at Boulder.

Mr J. J. F. Mann and Miss E. S. A. Hepple

The engagement is announced between James John Francis, elder son of Mr J. P. Mann and Mrs Mann, Brimpton House, Brimpton, Reading, Berkshire, and Effie Sarah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Hepple, of 24 Cathcart Road, London, SW10.

Mr T. C. deC. Prideaux and Miss S. M. M. Hall

The engagement is announced between Terence, son of Mrs J. M. P. Prideaux and the late Dr T. C. Prideaux, of 33 Newlands Park, SE26, and Stephanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. M. Hall, of Coleshill, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D. J. Walder and Miss C. S. M. Creaven

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Walder, of Halesworth, Suffolk, and Christeen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Creaven, of Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

Mr K. J. Wheatcroft and Miss J. H. Smith

The marriage has been arranged between Kenneth James, son of the late Mr J. H. Wheatcroft, and Mrs L. Reed, of Padworth, Berkshire, and Julia Hamilton, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. Smith, of Cambridge.

Mr M. York and Miss S. J. Crichton

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs G. York, of 1017 Encino Row, Coronado, California 92118, United States, and Susan Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. Crichton, of Plas Trefor, Llansadwrn, Anglesey.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, October 16, 1950

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research announces that an experiment recently completed at the National Physical Laboratory has shown inaccuracy in the normally accepted figure for the speed of light.

The difference, says the statement, is not great—only 11 miles a second. It is far from being a matter solely of academic interest, for the speed of light is used for many of the fundamental calculations in atomic theory.

When Dr L. Essen, of the National Physical Laboratory, announced in 1947 that the figure should be 186,282 miles a second (the accepted value was 186,271 miles a second) the result was received with some scepticism; he has now confirmed the result, using more refined apparatus.

Bouguereau painting is sold for £6,820

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A 7ft painting of Eros making off with Psyche against a rocky landscape, by William Adolphe Bouguereau, was sold, inclusive of premium, for £6,820 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) at Sotheby's yesterday. Bouguereau was an arch-*Pompier* or late nineteenth-century French academic artist. His figures of idealized prettiness are highly finished and are caught in flight with drapery and hair flying. The purchaser was Stuart Pivar, an American collector of *Pompier* pictures.

The sale of Continental nineteenth century paintings went much in line with expectations, totalling £160,740, with 6.59 per cent unsold. The German and *Spanish paintings proved* the strongest sectors, with dealers from those countries reclaiming their national artists.

A tiny (5 by 6¼ inches) genre scene entitled "The Aristocrat", by Hugo Wilhelm Kauffman, the Hamburg artist, commanded £4,290 (estimate £400 to £600) while a portrait study of an old bespectacled notary, his quill pen over his ear (8⅜ by 6¼ inches), by Carl Kronberger, of Zurich, made £2,420 (estimate £600 to £800).



One of a pair of revolvers sold at Christie's yesterday.

A small elegant head, shoulders and hat of an Edwardian lady "At the Opera" by Raimondo de Madrazo y Garreta, made £3,520 (estimate £800 to £1,200) while "Femme Lisant", a sort of Spanish Sarah Bernhardt with potted plants, by Eduardo Leon Garrido, made £2,860 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500).

Among the relative bargains was a large family group depicted as musicians in an Italian landscape by François Josef Navez at £1,980 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) sold to Colnaghi. Navez was Belgium's most distinguished Neo-classical painter and the major work of 1821 has echoes of both Ingres and Leopold Robert. Then there was a fine Russian genre, scene, "The Explanation", by Ivan Petrovitch Bogdanoff, at £1,045 (estimate £600 to £800).

A sale of furniture and works of art at Sotheby's Belgravia made £18,212 with only 2 per cent unsold, while a sale of inexpensive wines attracted stronger bidding than last season, though leaving several bargains.

Christie's were selling modern sporting guns. A pair of finely decorated presentation revolvers made about 1902 by Smith and Wesson and presented to the Marchioness of Cholmondeley on her honeymoon by the Maharajah of Benares made £5,544 (estimate £1,000 to £1,200).

The important four-session sale of primitive art from the Jay C. Leff collection at Parke Bernet last Saturday seems to have run into difficulties. It brought a knockdown total of £440,070 but the items on which the greatest financial hopes were pinned failed to sell.

They were a Bambara wood equestrian figure (estimate $30,000 to $50,000), and two Veracruz stone yokes (estimate $15,000 to $30,000 each). The top price of the sale was $21,000 (estimate $10,000 to $15,000) for a Mayan polychrome vase of about A.D. 600-900.

A set of four seven-light candelabra made in St Petersburg in 1859 with animals round the intricately worked stands made 72,000 francs (£8,800 with tax) at an Ader sale in Paris on Monday. An exotic mid-nineteenth-century silver and silver-gilt bas-relief of the Assumption of the Virgin on a lapis-lazuli ground made 20,000 francs (£2,444).

Thracian art treasures to be shown in London

By Our Arts Reporter

An exhibition of Thracian art treasures, described by a British Museum official yesterday as "a complete eye-opener", will open next January at the museum after enormous success in Sofia in 1972 and Paris last year.

Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Director of the British Museum, said at a press conference that they had wanted to show the material in Britain from the very beginning, both for its archaeological importance and its very real aesthetic interest.

He said the exhibition, which runs from January 8 until March 28, would have a very general appeal. It was one of the most important to be staged at the museum in the past 10 years.

The 600 exhibits will be on loan from Bulgaria as part of a cultural exchange programme. Material has been assembled from 35 Bulgarian museums, and most of the exhibits have never been seen here. They are mainly gold and silver objects ranging from the *Bronze Age (about 3000 BC)* to the early Roman Empire (up to AD 300). New archaeological finds have added a number of new objects and some of the recently discovered material will be on view in London.

The Museum of Mankind, the museum's ethnography department, is to mount an exhibition of Bulgarian folk art, including many objects of domestic use, later next year.

Latest wills

Residue left for cancer research

Mr Leslie Birkett, of Chigwell, late of Birkett Motors (East Ham), left £425,889 net. After personal bequests he left the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Laybourn, Mr Thomas, of Newcastle upon Tyne .. £110,270

Peck, Mr William James Arthur, of Rushden, Northamptonshire (duty, £88,098) £250,587

Today's engagements

British Library Exhibition: "Boccaccio", British Library Reference Division, 10-5.

International Motor Show, Earls Court, 10-9.

Exhibition of English Toy Theatres, Pollock's Toy Museum, Scala Street, Tottenham Court Road, 10-5.

Exhibition of British West Indies Stamps, Gibbons Gallery, Strand, 10-5.

Lecture on Italian Renaissance Sculpture: Luca della Robbia, by Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Lecture Theatre, Victoria and Albert Museum, 6.30.

Lunchtime talk: The Fringe Theatre, by Peter Ansorge, Arts Council Shop, Sackville Street, Piccadilly, 1.

London Walk: Ghosts of the City, meet St Paul's Underground station, 7.30.

Charity fashion show

Miss Georgina Simpson and Countess Compton received the guests at a celebrity fashion show produced by Mr Dougie Squires and held last night at Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd in aid of KIDS. Among those taking part were:

The Second Generation, Mr Alan Ball, Mr Christopher Biggins, Miss Joyce Blair, Mr Lionel Blair, Mr Jonathan Cecil, Mr Martin Connors, Mr Jess Conrad, Miss Fenella Fielding, Mr Graham Fletcher, Miss Dulcie Gray, Miss Anoushka Hempel, Mr Jimmy Hill, Mr Gordon Honeycombe, Miss Sally Ann Howes, Mr Roger Howlett, Miss Penny Keith, Miss Annabel Lyverston, Miss Ami McDonald, Mr Ted Moult, Mr Patrick Mower, Mr Kenneth Nelson, Miss Linda Leigh Potter, Miss Angela Richards, Mr Phillip Sayer, Miss Nina Baden Semper, Miss Anna Sharkey, Miss Una Stubbs, Miss Doreen Wells and Miss Wei Wei Wong.

University news

Oxford

Elections:

LINCOLN COLLEGE: Organ scholarship: G. Brooks. John Mason Exhibitioner; A. Ameil's Jackson senior studentships: V. K. Nehru; J. A. Pigdon. Choral exhibitions: C. Mason, King's; George's, V. S. Southport; P. A. Vaughan, Brighton C.

WOLFSON COLLEGE: Graduate awards: Diana L. Austin (BA, New Brunswick), Wolfson C; T. C. Barrett (MSc, Toronto), Wolfson C; F. A. Brieva (MSc, Chile), Wolfson C; R. S. Cuckle (BA, Leeds), Balliol C; M. R. Cooper (MSc, Natal), Wolfson C; D. Deutsch, BA, Clare C, Cambridge; J. N. R. Lawrence, BA, Balliol C; J. M. Levin, BA, Wadham C; M. K. Miller (BTech, Bradford), Wolfson C; Sandra J. Ott (BA, Pomona C), Wolfson C; B. J. Parkin, BA, Pembroke C and Wolfson C; J. R. Ryle, BA, Christ Church and Wolfson C; L. Tuachong, (MB, ChB, Cape Town), Wolfson C; C. J. Tuplin, BA, Corpus Christi C; Anna M. Wilkinson, BA, Lady Margaret Hall.

TRINITY COLLEGE: Exhibitions: G. Edwards (Cowbridge GS); P. M. Keith (Sir W. Borlase's S).

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence

The United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff, Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore, Chief of the Naval Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, Chief of the Air Staff, were hosts yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, Jr, USN, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. *Others present included:*

Admiral David H. Bagley, Mr Ronald F. Spiers, Lieutenant-General Robert L. Nichols, Ambassador Emory C. Swank, Rear-Admiral James C. Longino, Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, Vice-Admiral R. D. Lygo, Mr A. Hockaday, Air Vice-Marshal J. Gingell, Mr R. H. G. Edmonds, Mr J. A. Thomson and Mr C. A. Whitmore.

Law Society

The President of the Law Society, Mr E. N. Liggins, gave a luncheon party at 60 Carey Street yesterday. The guests were:

Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, Lord Kearton, Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP, Sir Geoffrey Jackson, Mr Charles Smith-Ryland, Mr R. K. Denby, Mr G. A. MacDonald, and Mr J. L. Bowron, secretary-general.

Lord Auckland

Lord Auckland entertained members of the United Wards' Club of the City of London at luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday. Among those present were:

Mr Alan L. Luke, president of the club, Colonel and Alderman R. Gardner-Thorpe, Mr F. E. Cleary, Mr Arthur H. Ley, and Mr Harry Dickens.

British Council

Dr P. A. I. Tahourdin, Assistant director-general, British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Mr Konstantin Grigoryevich Nozhko, Deputy Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Soviet Union, and members of the Soviet educational delegation.

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association of Britain

The Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at the Royal Horseguards Hotel by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain. Mr John Dickie, president of the association, was in the chair.

Reception

Señora de Escovar Salom

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister and Señora de Escovar Salom, on their official visit to the United Kingdom, gave a reception last night at Claridges hotel in honour of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs Callaghan and members of her Majesty's Government. Guests included members of the Diplomatic Corps, Members of Parliament, representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the City industry, universities and institutions connected with Venezuela.

Dinners

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister gave a dinner yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Michael T. Somare, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua, New Guinea. The other guests were:

Mr Philip Bouraga, Mr Paul Bengo, Mr Ben Sabumei, The High Commissioner for Fiji, the High Commissioner for Australia, Mr Shridath Ramphal, Mr James Callaghan, MP, Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, MP, Mr Graham Page, MP, Mr Eric Deakins, MP, Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, Mr John Cronin, MP, Sir Eric Griffith-Jones, Sir Val Duncan, the Hon A. C. R. Weir, Mr J. K. Thompson, Mr David Attenborough, Mr Jack Charlton, Mr R. B. Boyne, Mr Huw Wheldon, Mr Ralph Hammond Innes, Mr J. F. E. Gilchrist, Mr Michael Bentley, Mr David Collett, Mr Nigel Ryan, Mr P. E. E. Male, Mr K. R. Stowe, Mr P. R. H. Wright, and Mrs Janet Hewlett-Davies.

Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex

The Deputy Lieutenants of East Sussex entertained the Lord Lieutenant, the Marquess of Abergavenny, at dinner yesterday evening at Wellingham House, East Sussex. The Vice-Lord Lieutenant, Major B. M. H. Shand, presided. The High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mr Thomas Egerton, was a guest and others present included:

Earl De La Warr, Viscount Gage, Lord Buckhurst, Major Sir Walter Scott, Mr Justice Rees, Brigadier Sir Edward Cadbury, Colonel Sir Charles Taylor, Brigadier E. W. Broad, Brigadier L. M. Scott, Brigadier C. J. Yeo, Colonel R. H. Lees, Colonel L. H. Foster, Lieutenant-Colonel J. Healy, Lieutenant-Colonel P. Tetley, Major H. S. Martin, Major E. Baxendale, Captain W. Shewring, Mr L. V. Anker, Mr J. Atkinson, Mr W. O. Dodd, Mr C. W. Shelford, and Mr R. M. Beechey.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress were present at the ladies' dinner held by the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Mr Frank B. Hooper, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Lord Robens of Woldingham, Mr J. Anthony Ostick and the Master of the Grocers' Company.

Service dinner

The King's Own Royal Border Regiment

The annual dinner of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment took place last night at the Army and Navy Club. Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, colonel of the regiment, attended.

OBITUARY

MR HAROLD LEACH

An innovative administrator in the gas industry

A. F. H. writes:

Harold Leach, CBE, died on October 7 at the age of 74. The gas industry has produced many notable engineers but comparatively few innovators in the field of administration. Of these Harold Leach was outstanding.

After education at Manchester Grammar School and Brasenose College, Oxford, he was articled clerk to W. Bolton & Co, *chartered accountants*, from 1923 to 1926, when he moved to the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company. In 1939 he was appointed General Manager and Secretary of the Liverpool Gas Company. In 1956 he was appointed Chairman of the Southern Gas Board and in 1961 Chairman of the West Midlands Gas Board, from which post he retired in 1966.

At Liverpool his very great talent for large scale organization first became clear. In 1948 his paper on "Functionalism as a Tool of Management", although not popular at the time, led to a fundamental change in management philosophies in the gas industry and elsewhere. At the end of his paper he suggested the motto might be "sutor ultra crepidam" which summarizes a treatise, way ahead of its time, on the power of the specialist and the true authority of the expert.

His formidable qualities as classicist, mathematician, chartered accountant were combined in an administrator of *rare quality whose then radical* views were tempered by a fierce dedication to the development of talent and a deep humanity even to such fools as he could not suffer gladly.

His many friends will remember him for the excitement, wit and charm of his company and his fascinating use of language. To work with him was never dull. His view that much clerical work should be treated as the production of dirty marks on pieces of paper is typical of his ability to bring new thought to the most humdrum things.

He will be much missed in the gas industry.

M. JACQUES CHARON



M Jacques Charon, the distinguished French actor and stage director, died in Paris yesterday. He was 55.

At the *Comédie Française* he shone particularly in the plays of Molière and the farces of Feydeau. He was on stage on Tuesday acting in *Le Plus Heureux des Trois* which he also directed.

Before the war he was a travelling salesman in England for a firm of French haberdashery exporters. He once claimed that he had thrown up business in favour of a theatrical career because "the English language was too much for me".

He joined the Comédie-Française in 1941, became a sociétaire in 1947 and subsequently vice-doyen of the company. He did not however remain a stranger to Britain once on the stage. In 1959 he played in *Le Dindon* under Peter Daubeny's direction and in the 1964 World Theatre season at the Aldwych both played in and directed *Feydeau's Un Fil à la patte*. Two years later the National Theatre engaged him to direct Feydeau's *A Flea in her Ear (La Puce à Foreille)* a production which was an enormous success. In the spring of 1969 he had a hectic time appearing with the Comédie Française in his own production of *Tartuffe* and directing Feydeau's *Un fil à la patte* in an English version by Mr John Mortimer called *Cat among the Pigeons* which was put on at the Prince of Wales Theatre with Mr Richard Briers, Miss Elizabeth Seal and Mr Murray Melvin in the cast.

In person, mild and self-effacing, despite a comfortable bulk, he was a different figure from the suberb egoist he could be on the stage verbally machine-gunning his audience with asides.

MR H. A. MOE

R. S. writes:—

His many English friends will deeply regret the death on October 2 of Henry Allen Moe at the age of 81.

He went to Brasenose as a Rhodes Scholar in 1921 after service in the American Navy, and after graduating with first-class honours in the BCL stayed in Oxford for a short time teaching law at Brasenose. In 1925 he began his career as an officer of foundations by becoming the first administrator of the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, of which he was to become president. He was a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation and in that capacity was much involved in the establishment of the Villa Serbelloni at Bellagio as a conference centre. He served as chairman or trustee on innumerable scholarly and philanthropic bodies in the United States and presided for 11 years with the greatest distinction over the American Philosophical Society. He was the main architect of the American Trust Fund for Oxford University and of Bodley's American Friends. He received many honours but was most proud of his honorary DCL from Oxford and his honorary Fellowship of Brasenose.

A man of great personal charm, in all his work for foundations he showed a unique combination of commonsense and imagination. Undaunted by the recent amputation of a leg as the delayed result of an injury in the First War, he paid his last visit to Europe in 1973. He delighted to recall that, a life-long republican, he had personally known all presidents of the United States since Theodore Roosevelt except the last. He made an immense contribution to education and intellectual life in the United States, being the first chairman in 1965 of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He married Edith Monroe, who survives him. They had one son.

Mr Roy Macartney, the Australian journalist, who was Washington correspondent of the *Melbourne Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, died suddenly in Washington on Monday. He was 58.

MAJOR W. E. L. SEWARD

Major William Eric Louis Seward, who died last Saturday (October 11) aged 84, took part in the 60 metres back stroke swimming races in the 1908 Olympic Games. The experience proved useful when he was with the Royal Flying Corps in the 1914-18 War. From 1920 until 1939 an officially commissioned painting called "The Seward Exploit" hung in the Imperial War Museum, depicting a shot down aeroplane in the Red Sea, with the pilot swimming away through a hail of bullets. The *explanatory note in the* Museum's Catalogue is as follows:

"Second-Lieutenant W. E. L. Seward, M.C., when on a photographic reconnaissance of the enemy at Ramleh near Jaffa in Palestine on March 24, 1917 had his single seater aeroplane, a Martinsyde scout, brought down by anti-aircraft fire. To prevent his machine from falling into enemy hands he flew it into *the sea at a point about four* miles west of Ascalon. Under heavy fire from the shore Second-Lieutenant Seward (who was an Olympic swimmer) left his machine and swam out to sea.

"The Turks thought he was drowning while he was divesting himself of his clothes. He returned inshore and after swimming for four hours landed at sunset about one mile north west of Ascalon in an exhausted condition. Eventually after covering a distance of 25 miles (occasionally taking to the water on the approach of enemy patrols) he succeeded in reaching an outpost of the Wellington Mounted Rifles, ANZAC. By his bravery and determination this officer succeeded in preserving the information he had collected on this flight."

Although he had a regular commission, Seward retired from the R.A.F. in 1921. Later, he was managing director of Timken Français S.A., the taper bearing manufacturers in Paris.

Air Commodore Ernest John Denis Townsend, CBE, who has died, was Principal Production Officer, Ministry of Supply, 1946-56.

Mr Frank W. Turner, former deputy editor-in-chief of the Press Association, died on Tuesday at his home in Kingsbridge, Devon. He was 77.

Law Report October 15 1975 — Court of Appeal

Injecting morphine an unlawful act

Regina v Cato
Regina v Morris
Regina v Dudley

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Jupp

The Court of Appeal held that the injecting into a person of morphine which the injector had unlawfully taken into his possession was an unlawful act for the purposes of a manslaughter charge and that the Crown had to prove only that the morphine so injected was a cause, not necessarily the only or major cause of the death.

It was further held that heroin was a noxious thing for the purposes of section 23 of the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861, and that the requirement of malice in that section was satisfied where the act done to the victim was a direct one, such as an injection.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Ronald Philip Cato, aged 20, against his conviction last July at St Albans Crown Court (*Mr Justice Thesiger and a* jury) of the manslaughter of Anthony David Farmer (count 1) and of administering a noxious thing, so as to endanger life, contrary to section 23 of the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861 (count 2).

They also dismissed appeals by Neil Adrian Morris, aged 18, and Melvin Dudley, aged 21, against their convictions on counts (3 and 4) charging them with assisting an offender, contrary to section 4(1) of the Criminal Law Act, 1967, the particulars of the offence being that *knowing that* Cato had committed an unlawful killing, they provided false information to the police.

Section 23 of the Offences Against the Person Act, provides: "Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously administer or cause to be administered to or taken by any other person any poison or other destructive or noxious thing, so as thereby to endanger the life of that person . . . shall be guilty of felony. . . ."

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and Mr Geoffrey Robertson for Cato; Mr Anthony Ansell for Morris and Dudley; Mr David Jeffreys (who did not appear below) for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that a condition precedent of the convictions of Morris and Dudley for assisting Cato in trying to "cover-up" Farmer's death was Cato's conviction for manslaughter. If that could not be established their convictions would be invalid. Equally, if Cato's conviction for manslaughter was upheld the appeals of Morris and Dudley would be dismissed.

Cato and Mr Farmer were in each other's company for most of July 26, 1974, as were Morris and Dudley. They all lived at the same address. They were at a public house until closing time. When they went home the other persons in the house were in bed. The three appellants and Farmer remained downstairs.

Farmer produced a bag of white powder and syringes and he invited the others to have a "fix" with him. The syringes were distributed, and the men paired off—Morris and Dudley and Cato and Farmer—in order that each could inject the other in the pair. They injected each other a number of times. After Morris and Dudley had retired to bed, Cato and Farmer continued to inject each other.

Their method was important when considering causation. Each would take his own syringe, fill it to his own taste with a mixture of morphine and water, give the other the syringe and the other would inject him. The strength of the injection was dictated by the person receiving it but the actual act of injection was by the other.

Next morning both were in difficulties. Cato was saved by rudimentary first aid, but by 11 o'clock Farmer was dead: his respiratory system had ceased to function consequent on intoxication by drugs.

At the trial there was expert *evidence to the effect* that there was a quantity of morphine in Farmer's body consistent with the injections, but that there was no morphine in his blood. An expert witness for the defence strongly made the point that there was not enough morphine visibly present to account for the death and that there was a missing factor in the cause of death.

The trial judge left the manslaughter charge to the jury on two alternative bases. He said: "Now, manslaughter in law is causing or contributing to the *causing or accelerating* (that is the hastening on) the death of a human being quite inadvertently by doing an unlawful and dangerous act, or alternatively, by doing a lawful act with gross negligence, that is to say, recklessly. . . . The consent of the victim is quite immaterial, quite irrelevant. . . ."

In amplifying the direction the judge left six questions to the jury: (1) Did Cato take possession of some heroin in a syringe and then inject the contents of the syringe into Farmer? (2) Did such injection by Cato endanger the life of Farmer? (3) Did such injection of heroin by Cato cause, contribute to or accelerate Farmer's death? (4) Was the heroin so injected likely to do harm to Farmer, although not necessarily serious harm? (5) Did Cato realize (a) that it was unlawful for him or Farmer to be in possession of heroin, (b) that his injection of heroin was likely to do some harm to Farmer? (6) Was the conduct of Cato, in respect of the injection, grossly negligent or, in other words, reckless?

The questions were left to the jury with the instruction that if they answered yes to all of them, the verdict must be guilty, and that if the answer was not yes, the jury should return for further directions. The jury did not return, presumably because they answered all the questions in the affirmative.

Mr Blom-Cooper's most important submission concerned causation—the link between the injection and Farmer's death. It was true, as Mr Blom-Cooper submitted, that the medical evidence did not say that the morphine had killed Farmer. But the conclusions and deductions to be drawn from the evidence were for the jury. The question was whether there was sufficient evidence. It was important to realize that no other cause for Farmer's death was proved. There were no natural causes. The symptoms were consistent with poison by administration of morphine.

There was also other evidence. The fact that Cato nearly suffered the same fate as Farmer pointed to the cause of death being morphine injection, and the jury were entitled to accept that inference.

Also important was the fact that it was not necessary for the Crown to show that morphine was the only cause of death; it was sufficient to show that it was a cause of the death. On proper direction, provided the quantity of morphine was not de minimis, the cause need not be a substantial one. The jury were not misled by the judge's use of the word "contribute". They knew that he was talking of more than de minimis. There was no ground for allowing the appeal on causation on the evidence or on the judge's direction of the evidence.

Strangely, although the possession or supply of morphine was an offence, it was not an offence, at least not a major offence, to administer it. Mr Blom-Cooper said that no offence was committed by Cato in injecting; it was not an offence under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971. If the conviction under section 23 of the 1861 Act remained—and the court was going to uphold it—that would be an unlawful act. Even otherwise there was an unlawful act—the injecting of Farmer with a mixture of morphine and water which at the time of the injection Cato had unlawfully taken into his possession.

On the section 23 charge, the relevant words were "maliciously" and "noxious". An article was not noxious merely because it had a potential for harm if taken in large doses. On the other hand, an article liable to injure in common use was a "noxious" thing, and when one regarded the potentiality of heroin and morphine, the court had no hesitation in saying that heroin was a noxious mixture, and it was no defence to say that Farmer was used to it and that he had a high degree of tolerance to it, etc.

Where the act to the victim was a direct one, as in the present case, the requirement of malice was satisfied if Cato deliberately inserted the syringe into Farmer's body with the knowledge that it contained morphine.

The appeals would be dismissed.

The court allowed appeals against sentences. The sentences were varied: Cato, from four years' imprisonment to borstal training; Morris, from borstal training to six months' imprisonment; Dudley, from two years' imprisonment to six months' imprisonment.

Solicitors: Simons, Muirhead & Allan; Ian Sheratte & Co; DPP.

Wooden wreck found in the Thames

By Philip Howard

A previously unknown wreck has been discovered as sandbanks have shifted in that most congested of shipping lanes, the outer Thames estuary. The Port of London Authority's survey vessel Maplin found it on a routine hydrographic survey.

It has been examined by divers from both the PLA and the National Maritime Museum, who have found evidence that it is a wooden cargo ship about 120 feet long, dating from the late eighteenth or early nineteenth centuries. Its cargo of metal plates and bottles of wine is still tidily stowed, though the wine is presumed to be undrinkable.

The wreck is still shifting with the sands, and is a hazard to shipping. Its mast is to be removed to reduce it to a safe depth; at the same time a rescue excavation is being undertaken.

The museum and the Institute of Maritime Archaeology at St Andrews University are planning to monitor and photograph work *being carried out by PLA divers*, to conserve and record artifacts already recovered, and to record anything found while the wreck is being reduced. After the passage has been made safe the archaeologists will undertake a prolonged underwater investigation.

The first stage of this work has started under the supervision of Lieutenant-Commander J. C. E. White, Hydrographic Officer of the PLA, and Mr Sean McGrail, chief archaeologist of the museum, with the help of Mr Colin Martin, Director of the Institute of Maritime Archaeology and consultant diver to the museum.

Science report

Pollution: A choice of evils

The price of getting rid of carbon monoxide from car exhausts, American scientists say, may be the emission of poisonous hydrogen cyanide. Because of the nature of the chemical reactions involved in detoxifying the exhaust gases, oxides of carbon and nitrogen may be converted into hydrogen sulphide or hydrogen cyanide, particularly when a car is decelerating or coasting down hill. The quantities of those two poisonous gases would not be large, but the Americans suggest that the design of anti-pollution exhaust systems should be carefully scrutinized to avoid the possibility that they may, at great expense, merely replace one pollutant with a worse.

In principle the catalytic converters which detoxify car exhausts work by converting carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons into harmless carbon dioxide and water.

But Dr R. J. H. Voorhoeve and his colleagues at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, New Jersey, set up a laboratory model of a catalytic converter system and found that when tested with a mixture of carbon monoxide, nitric oxide and hydrogen (approximately equivalent to that found in the real situation) at a realistic temperature (600° to 800°C) it gave off hydrogen cyanide.

The amount of hydrogen cyanide depended quite markedly on the temperature of the platinum used as the catalyst and even more markedly on the amounts of water and sulphur dioxide present in the laboratory "exhaust" gases.

Between 600°C and 700°C, for example, the amount of hydrogen cyanide produced leapt from 200 parts per million (ppm) to 800 ppm. In a wet mixture containing 3.5 per cent of water, on the other hand, the amount of cyanide generated ranged from about 10 to 70 ppm in the same temperature range. However, when they added some 60 ppm of sulphur dioxide to the wet mixture, the amount of cyanide given off was at the most 5 ppm and probably much less.

Fortunately petrol contains many sulphur compounds which are converted to sulphur dioxide and sulphur trioxide in the combustion process. However, sulphur oxides are generally regarded as undesirable because they may form acids that corrode the inside of the engine. Sulphur compounds also tend to make anti-knock compounds such as tetra-ethyl lead unstable, so they are kept to a minimum.

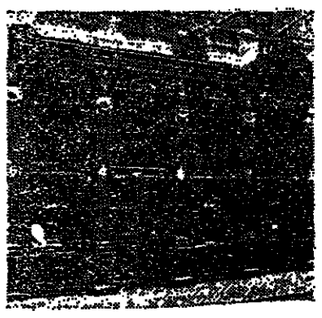
The Bell scientists are careful not to claim that their laboratory tests necessarily mean that hydrogen cyanide would be formed in the real situation; for one thing *the actual chemical* make-up of exhaust gases is very complicated, but clearly they feel that more research is needed on the output of catalytic converters.

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THE WEST'S IDEA IS FREEDOM

onfusion and disagreement still rround east-west détente in lite of the Helsinki conference. t a Kremlin banquet this week resident Giscard d'Estaing eaded for "ideological dis-mament" while Mr Brezhnev sisted that the battle of ideas ust continue. Almost simul-neously Soviet spokesmen in penhagen *condemned* the rtle of ideas represented by e Sakharov hearings on human ghts as "contrary to the spirit the Helsinki conference and rmful to peaceful coexis-nce". This in turn contradic-d the views of the Nobel Prize mmittee, which honoured Dr kharov precisely for emphasiz-g that "the inviolable rights of an can serve as the only sure undation for a genuine and ng-lasting system of inter-tional cooperation".

Part of the trouble is that the viet Union wants it both ways. insists that in conditions of aceful coexistence the ideo-gical struggle must continue even be intensified. At the me time it asserts that any tempts by western countries propagate their own ideas or scrutinize Soviet abuses of man rights are somehow ntrary to the spirit of peace-l coexistence. It builds a msy bridge between these ntradictions by saying that the eological struggle is a matter r indigenous social forces ded by "objective laws of his-rical development" so that no terference from outside is cessary, but since it is bound assert that history is a one-y *street leading to com-*nism it is equally bound to ject the idea of competition equal terms between two eologies.

There is little the west can do settle the matter on a doctrinal vel but there is plenty it can on a practical level. The first d easiest point to insist on is at if the Soviet Union wants ideological struggle it can have it. The Soviet Union feels free to propagate its ideas in the west, so the west should not be shy about propagating its ideas in the east by whatever means it can, *especially by radio. There is* absolutely nothing in the letter or spirit of the Helsinki documents that need inhibit such efforts. Rather the contrary. The passages on non-intervention are aimed primarily at various forms of physical intervention, where the Soviet Union has been the main offender in the past thirty years. The passages on information are unequivocal in calling for "the freer and wider dissemination of information of all kinds".

The question of human rights is more complex but no less important. The Russians claim variously that there are no human rights problems in the Soviet Union, that anyway it is their own affair, and that the west is in no position to preach. It has, of course, absolutely no compunction about criticizing western governments for depriving workers of their right to higher wages or communists of *their right to promote revolution.* A recent article in *Izvestia* even had the superb idea of attacking the United States for violating human rights "on a large scale by the illegal tapping of telephone conversations, the compiling of huge files with information maligning people because of their political views, the shameful frame-up trials of dissidents, like the Gainesville and Ellsberg cases, and even the political assassinations".

It is therefore absurd for anyone on either side to suggest that mutual criticism is somehow incompatible with détente. But the two related questions raised by the French President and by Dr Sakharov are somewhat different. They are whether détente should be seen in terms of convergence or competition, and whether human rights are directly related to either process and are therefore of direct political as well as humanitarian concern to the west.

The answers are bound to be mixed. To the extent that the Soviet Union represents an alternative political philosophy commanding a fair degree of support among its own people it can be accepted as a legitimate competitor entitled to prove its superiority if it can. To the extent that it is also an imperialist power denying *certain universal human rights to* its own people and especially to other nations in its sphere of influence it must be regarded as an adversary. These two elements can scarcely be disentangled. It is obvious, however, that the more militantly revolutionary the ideology of the Soviet Union the more limited is the scope for a relationship going much beyond an armed truce.

President Giscard is therefore *right to suggest that some* scaling down of ideological confrontation is a necessary element if détente is to acquire more meaning. But this should not mean that the west ceases to concern itself with human rights in the Soviet empire. In the first place it is in the west's direct political interest to be identified with certain moral, political and personal values, including personal freedom, which have had far more force *in human history than the* "laws" propagated by Marxists. Secondly, any society in east or west which rejects these values and rules without the express consent of its people is potentially unstable, so that there is a real connexion between human rights and peace and security on both sides of the divide. Mr Brezhnev is therefore not entirely wrong when he says that the battle of ideas must continue. He merely needs to grant the west the same rights in the battle as he claims for himself.

HE GROWTH AND CONTROL OF PATRONAGE

two articles in The Times this ek Mr Maurice Edelman, bour MP for Coventry, North-st, has drawn attention to *at he terms the new system* patronage. There are some usands of appointments to ious public bodies made by on behalf of ministers from side the ranks of the estab-ed Civil Service. Some of se appointments are made on personal decision of nisters; most of them are de in practice by civil vants. Some of them are a liberate and conscious attempt find the best man for the job; ers are intended to placate e powerful interest group or find an acceptable niche for e worthy in need of a com-able resting place; and yet ers are examples of playing , of making a choice gned above all to disarm ics. Often there will be a bination of motives.

ew systems of appointment as well in practice as they in the textbooks. Those h are most deliberately fair, therefore the most struc-, can be the most inflexible the structure can become rmality, in which case there be *a widespread sense of* cheated. There is no ect method to which com-sense demands that the new nage should adhere. Nor any wonder that it should cause for criticism. It is azard by its history and its e. It has developed piece iece without any deliberate ning as government has ided its reach ever more nore of the nation's affairs. *And it covers a wide range not* only of job but—of purpose as well.

A civil servant's work varies *from one department to another,* but in general it is either to advise ministers on the formation of policy or to execute it on *their behalf. The line of respon-*sibility is clear. The same cannot be said of many appointments to public bodies. Sometimes the purpose is simply to find the best person to run the organization in question. Sometimes it is to represent the general public interest as a corrective and guide to the permanent bureaucracy—as in the case of the BBC Governors. Sometimes it is to represent the consumer against those providing the service. Sometimes it is to represent a special interest. So it is not surprising that the present system should be something of a jumble and a case could be made out for leaving well alone on the grounds that any safeguard devised would inevitably limit the freedom of choice to meet such a varied pattern of purposes. But there is too much cause for anxiety over the present system.

This does not mean that there is corruption. Its integrity is the great glory of the British Civil Service. That remains the best safeguard against a Watergate in this country. Even if ministers felt inclined to sell appointments, in the eighteenth century style, and there is no suggestion that they do, they would have the greatest practical difficulty in doing so under the eyes of civil servants with their present *high standards. But there is the* more subtle danger of what Mr Edelman terms cronyism. Where a post is not advertised the choice falls most naturally on a person known to the selectors—and the more known the better. In the appointments that they make personally ministers inevitably tend to prefer those whose cast of mind does not clash with their own political position. Civil servants are on the whole cautious men who look with favour upon other *cautious men.* Cronyism, too small a catchment area, too little imagination—these are the weaknesses of the new patronage. And they are reinforced by the tendency to promote party sympathizers to public jobs, or even on occasion to refuse reappointment to those *not considered friendly enough.*

When additional arbitrary power is conferred upon those who have much power already it is necessary for there to be informed public scrutiny as to how it is exercised. That is what is needed now. A satisfactory check might be provided on the appointments made personally by ministers by making them subject to the approval of a Select Committee, as Mr Edelman suggested—though it might be better to give this task to appropriate specialist committees rather than the all-purpose Select Committee on Public Appointments that he proposes. Some major appointments might be examined in public as they are in the United States. In deciding how to control patronage the appointment of a Royal Commission now might avoid grave scandals in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Housing density in urban areas

From Mr Martin Frishman

Sir, For several decades architects *and planners believed in high-rise* mass housing schemes as a means of solving our housing problem. The concept was finally adopted as policy by ministers and local authorities and soon became the universal trend. Often ill-conceived and thoughtlessly applied, it was soon discredited and has now precipitated a headlong rush to embrace the opposite extreme—low-rise, low-density development.

Instead of examining where and why we went wrong, we have simply changed the fashion. According to the report in your columns on October 8 of the Minister of Housing and Construction's Harrogate speech, Mr Freeson is a wholehearted subscriber, expressing the hope that development in inner urban areas will not exceed a height of two to three storeys. Implicit in this view is the currently popular belief that high-rise is bad and low-rise good. I would like to suggest that if we are to avoid exchanging one set of mistakes for another, the problem warrants much closer examination than the minister appears to have given it.

Apart from our recent involvement with high-rise housing, we also have behind us half a century of building two-storey semi-detached houses, as a result of which our city centres float in an endless sea of low-rise, low-density *suburbia. On* the other hand, one of the most admired and respected housing schemes in Europe is Westminster's development in Lillington Street *which rises, in part, to eight storeys* and has an average density of over 200 people to the acre. This is four times the height and three times the density advocated by the minister.

Nor does high density imply sacrificing houses for flats, as he suggests. A recently completed scheme in Camden has a density of 150 people to the acre where more than half the tenants live in houses, each with its own small terrace or garden. This again has more than twice the density the minister advocates. All this suggests the conclusion that high-rise is not inherently bad nor low-rise good, but that each individual case must be considered in context and not prejudged by fashion or ministerial ruling.

One of the main aims of central redevelopment should be to create a feeling of urbanity if our cities are to stay worthwhile places to live in. This urbanity is a most elusive quality, but certainly the lower the density set by authority the more difficult it is to achieve. This fact is demonstrated by Britain's New Towns. If, in rejecting high-rise building, we can come up with no more positive *idea than* advocating a two-storey "Noddy-land" then we will be no better off tomorrow than we are today.

There is, after all, a rather fine *city consisting almost entirely of* standardized seven-storey blocks of flats built to an enormous density: it is called Paris.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN FRISHMAN,
39 Steele's Road, NW3.
October 9.

Council house loans

From Mr David Webster

Sir, I am afraid your readers may have concluded from John Young's reference today (October 8) to my *article in the Shelter magazine Roof* that I have claimed that council house loan charges do not present any kind of problem. This is not so. What I have pointed out is that councils are experiencing a "bunching" in their loan charges because interest rates have been rising in response to inflation. This has the effect of pushing loan charges earlier into the life of a loan, but not of increasing the total payment in real terms over its whole life.

At present the increase in early payments is outweighing the benefit due to the erosion by inflation of the real value of outstanding debt. But later on, the position will be reversed. It would therefore be sensible to introduce financial mechanisms to even out the time-pattern of payments in real terms; and it is certainly vital to discuss the cost of council building programmes in terms of their claim on real resources *of manpower and materials,* rather than in terms of financial outgoings, which are distorted by inflation.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID WEBSTER,
17 Dartmouth Park Road, NW5.
October 8.

Latin American studies

From the Rt Rev Guy Marshall

Sir, It was refreshing and encouraging to read Lord Chalfont's article in this morning's issue of the paper (October 13) *on Latin America. Hav-*ing spent 21 years in that continent I agree most heartily with the statement that "one of the most persistent blind spots in the collective *British consciousness is the sub-*continent of Latin America".

Even Lord Chalfont himself gives some indication of being in danger of regarding the South American *continent as a homogeneous* group of nations. This is not so as each country, rightly, knows itself to be sovereign state and what Argentina thinks is not necessarily the view *held by Venezuela.*

The article understandably stresses the economic aspect of the subject but there is also a very wide field for study in the cultural *and social areas of life.* One has only to think, for example, of the interesting and even exciting architectural experiments in São Paulo and in Caracas to realize something of the potential in that particular *phase of* life.

One can only hope that the "shaft of light" becoming visible with the visits of Dr Escovar Salom and Sr Azeredo da Silveira will become a broader beam and illuminate the darkness of ignorance about virile and rapidly developing countries.

Yours faithfully,
† GUY MARSHALL,
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October 13

The case against electoral reform

From Mr Angus Maude, Conservative MP for Stratford-on-Avon

Sir, Whether or not my speech at Blackpool was well-reasoned, Miss Enid Lakeman really must not seek to criticize it as if it had been delivered somewhere else. I was not addressing a meeting of the Electoral Reform Society, but a conference of Conservative politicians and constituency workers whose concerns are inevitably rather different.

Of course Miss Lakeman knows *what she wants (letters, October 14).* The advocates of electoral change in the Conservative Party clearly do not—although it is true that CAER seems to incline towards the West German system. What is being demanded by some Conservatives is a commitment to a major constitutional change before any agreement has been reached on the system to be substituted for the present one.

With the field of discussion so wide open, anyone replying to that Blackpool debate could hardly avoid referring to all the alternative systems—*including the Dutch* "pure list" system. Certainly the arguments on this are not irrelevant to the "list" element in the German system. And it really is a little disingenuous of Miss Lakeman to refer to the single transferable vote without adding that it can produce genuine proportionality only on a basis of four- or five-member constituencies. She should realize that a change of that magnitude is of more direct concern to MPs and active constituency workers than perhaps it is to the purists of the Electoral Reform Society.

Finally, may I assure Miss Lakeman that I have indeed "looked at the Republic of Ireland" with great care. It simply is not true that coalition has been "a rarity" in Eire, unless you ignore the fact that a *Fianna Fail* minority government survived for some years on the votes of two independents. What is certain is that *Fianna Fail* tried *repeatedly to abolish PR and adopt* the United Kingdom system: when it failed (owing partly to Miss Lakeman's own efforts), it fiddled the constituency boundaries to secure the desired objective—which was to remain in power. Not, I feel, a shining example to adduce!

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS MAUDE,
House of Commons.
October 14.

From Mr Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christchurch and Lymington

Sir, You report that an opinion poll indicates that "Two thirds of voters support electral reform". Closer inspection of the poll convinces me *of the inherent nonsense of opinion* polls on complex subjects commissioned by people (not *The Times*) who seek from the poll confirmation of views which they already hold. The Marplan poll asks loaded questions about electoral reform. Perhaps Marplan could be persuaded now to undertake further research seeking answers to the following two questions:

1. The Northern Ireland Convention was elected under a system of proportional representation aimed at eliminating the in-built advantage of the majority party. Do you believe that re-arranging the voting system has resulted in a more balanced Convention and would you like to see the same system employed for future general elections *to the Westminster parlia-*ment?

2. The French Fourth Republic was elected under proportional representation and produced a system which was frequently the butt of British music-hall jokes involving the "weekly French election". It is now suggested that the voting system in Britain be reformed so that it corresponds more closely to the French Fourth Republic system. Would you *support this?*

No doubt, if a poll along these lines was commissioned by a newspaper whose editorial policy was opposed to electoral reform, it would thereafter be able to claim that "two-thirds of those questioned were opposed to electoral reform". What humbug it all is—if I may paraphrase your leading article last Thursday.

The other nonsense surrounding the question of electoral reform is the glib assumption that if the system is changed, people's voting habits will remain the same. Anybody who was canvassing extensively at the past two general elections, will know perfectly well that millions of people voted Liberal because they knew that their votes would enable them to register a protest. Assuming that, under a changed system, people would vote in the same manner reminds me of the old adage that "if my grandmother had wheels she would be an *omnibus*".

Would I be too naive in thinking that discussion about electoral reform is merely another way of trying to avoid standing up for the *rights of Parliament? I have little* doubt that if people were confident that any party elected to government democratically under the present system, was able to implement *its programme* without being bullied off course by powerful outside interests, then we would not be having all this talk about electoral reform. To believe that electoral reform would produce a government which Mr Scargill and Mr McGahey would respect, is to be a supreme optimist. Yet, if they do not, what would "reform" achieve—except further disillusion with democracy.

Electoral reform is yet another way of running away from Britain's problems which, as Ulster has shown, will not be solved by juggling with the voting system. The Scottish National Party have shown that the present system does not guarantee an all-time two-party duet.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. ADLEY,
House of Commons.
October 13.

From Mr Jonathan Cave

Sir, "Humbug" was surely the wrong word in the title of your leader (October 9), for the conference deceived itself and not the public. Mr Bell's coalition of fear and Professor Headlam-Morley's Weimar-to-Hitler scenario (October 11) are barely credible, let alone inevitable.

Tory democracy includes Mrs Thatcher's right to be unequal, but it also includes a right to expect fair play; and to our pragmatise Mr Bell (and to be more cynical into the bargain) may one set out the equation Honesty = Best Policy = Honesty?

I am a Tory and have voted Conservative since the thirties, but I shall not vote as such again until after proportional representation *has been established: until then, I* shall vote for that party most intent on introducing it.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN CAVE,
Painsford Mill,
Ashprington,
Totnes,
Devon.

Tension between British churches

From the Minister of St Giles'

Sir, I write to express my appreciation of the statement which your Religious Affairs Correspondent made in today's *Times* (October 13) about the apparent lack of neighbourly collaboration or developing concord between the Church of England and the Church of Scotland. My appreciation is of the fact that this situation has been recognized, and is the opposite of pleasure at its existence.

Despite the frequent meetings and concerted action in which representatives of the two national churches presently engage, and the significance of which should not be underestimated, I believe that there exist not only reasons in favour of the two churches engaging in a wholehearted and open spirit together, but also circumstances which make such an engagement both possible and realistic. The reasons are to be found in the New Testament, and if they were set out fully, they would reiterate Saint Paul's belief in the corporeal integrity of the Church as an essential element in the reconciliation of all people which is the Church's purpose and vision.

A Church which found unity in spiritual communion without physical integrity would at best attempt the nonsensical aim of bearing witness to "the spirit of Jesus" without his unique human life. I merely *hint at this doctrinal argument. It* applies to all sects and denominations, and does not exclude national, established churches.

The circumstances which I believe to be favourable to a special confluence of the mission of the Church of England and the Church of Scotland within a reforming catholic Church include those civic and national relationships which, in both countries, are held by the national church, and which have given our two churches certain similarities in atmosphere and character which might even outweight their distinction in form of ecclesiastical administration. It is surely assumed too readily that there is a greater similarity between an Anglican congregation in England and an Anglican congregation in Scotland than exists between a parish church congregation in Scotland and a parish church congregation in England.

I do not wish to see a strengthening of "national" or "established" churches at the expense of other parts of the church in Britain. I do not even dare to predict whether or not the names "Church of Scotland" and "Church of England" will be used to describe extant Christian communities in a hundred years' time, although I hope these terms will by then no longer refer to one section of the Church in Scotland or England rather than to the whole church.

What I hope for the near future *is that the two national churches* will try to devote their great parish church tradition to the making of focal groups of Christian people at the centres of contemporary living *rather than to the atavistic echoing* of a vanished social centrality: and that by attempting to do so together, they will witness courageously for catholic humanity rather than for *canonized nationalism. The gigantic* difficulties in the way of determining the details of such an effort are not a sufficient ground for refusing to declare such an aspiration.

I am, Yours sincerely,
GILLEASBUIG MACMILLAN,
St Giles' Cathedral,
Edinburgh.

Demoralization in NHS

From the Secretary of the British Medical Association

Sir, Your leader on Emigration of doctors, *The Times*, October 9, states that the current rate of emigration cannot be blamed on Mrs Castle's plans for abolishing private practice within the NHS. This may or may not be true, but I cannot accept the suggestion that it is because "many of the specialists who leave are in specialties where private practice hardly exists". Those doctors who have already made plans to leave the country will have done so for a variety of reasons, including the overall demoralizing state of the *Health Service.*

The effects of the Government's latest proposals for separating private practice from the NHS, published last August, may not yet have been fully felt but will have certainly caused more doctors to think along these lines.

It is not only the threat they pose to the freedom of the individual doctors who practise privately but *the much wider threat to the free-*dom of choice of the individual citizen that they fear. In an unprecedented move, 17 medical organizations representing the broad spectrum of the medical profession (including those with whole time contracts in the NHS) spelled out these fears in a memorandum in reply to the Government's consultative document.

They believe that Mrs Castle's proposals for separation, in which she also states her intention to introduce licensing and strict Government controls over the private sector including its size and regardless of demand, are merely a first step to a total state monopoly of medicine. She has stated that she intends to uphold private practice: *but is she prepared to uphold* the right to the freedom of choice of the individual in the face of demands from the unions and this year's Labour Party Conference for *total abolition of independent* medicine in this country? It is this the medical profession fears.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK STEVENSON, Secretary,
British Medical Association,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
October 14.

From Mr David Skidmore

Sir, Hospital medical staff will disagree with the analysis of the reasons for junior staff discontent in your leader of October 14.

As we see it there are two major problems.

Firstly 10 arduous years are spent in hospital work before consultant appointment is achieved. Medical emergencies occur throughout the 24 hours and junior staff are on resident standby to look after these seriously ill patients. Study for postgraduate examination makes further inroads into leisure time. At the end of all this the professional rewards and remuneration of consultant status are rapidly becoming an illusion.

Secondly, there has been chronic underfinancing of the Health Service by successive governments. Policy decisions are being taken at a high level with little regard to local circumstances. Doctors are increasingly disillusioned by the failure of management at area and regional level to cut their administrative costs. As a result limited resources are not being efficiently used for patient care. Major economies *must come in administrative* areas to avoid further deterioration of the service provided for patients.

Britain has the manpower and hospitals to provide the best and *most comprehensive health service* in the world. The government that regains the goodwill of dedicated men and women in the Health Service will find that there is no limit to what can be achieved.

Yours sincerely,
D. SKIDMORE,
Stepping Hill Hospital,
Stockport.

Education in London

From Mr Richard Bourne

Sir, I would like to support Councillor Anne Page's letter of October 10. Like her I admire much that the ILEA is doing, and do not desire its dismemberment. But I was disappointed by Sir Ashley Bramall's defensive reaction to the setting up of education advisory committees by two Inner London boroughs, simply on educational grounds.

At a time when many schools are seeking to increase their community links, the ILEA is developing "an educational service for the whole community", and education itself is seen as inextricably connected with such borough services as housing and social services, it seems illogical to dismiss out of hand any efforts by the borough councillors *to become better informed partners* of the ILEA. Like other devices for liaison, such advisory committees might become a source of delay, but that is a different sort of objection. Sir Malby Crofton's hostility towards the ILEA as such (letters, October 8) ought not to discourage its leadership from looking with interest at any serious attempt to improve the boroughs' awareness of educational problems, and their cooperation with the authority.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD BOURNE,
83 Lee Road, SE3.
October 10.

Words and meanings

From Mr E. Kedourie

Sir, As the late Richard Koebner has shown (R. Koebner and H. D. Schmidt, *Imperialism*) the word imperialism came to have a pejorative connotation in English at the time of Napoleon III. Those who disliked his regime denounced it as imperialism. A passage which occurs in *The Times* of 1869, quoted in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, equates imperialism with despotism. After the disappearance of the Second *Empire the word with its new pejo-*rative connotations passed into British party-political polemics.

Disraeli's methods were denounced by the Liberals as imperialism. In using this term, Disraeli's opponents meant to draw a comparison between him and Napoleon III and to imply that they shared a common lack of principle and an appetite for despotism.

Imperialism then came to denote an unprincipled and disreputable desire to acquire possessions overseas. A Liberal newspaper referred in 1898 to "that odious system of *bluster and swagger . . . on which* Lord Beaconsfield and his colleagues bestowed the tawdry nickname of Imperialism". What Hobson did was to provide a fluent and plausible theory which linked this disreputable imperialism with the activities of European financiers overseas.

Mr Lasky is right in pointing out (October 8) that the term is an old one in English, but the pejorative overtones now associated with it do not date from much before the end of the nineteenth century. It was used either in connexion with the Holy Roman Empire or with political doctrines which drew on Roman law in order to establish that the king was emperor in his own realm.

Yours faithfully,
E. KEDOURIE,
The London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.

Emergency dentistry

From Mr P. Whitford

Sir, I am sorry Mr David Wilkinson from Bermuda (Letters, October 8) was not referred by the airline on which he travelled to the British Airports Authority's Medical Centre at Heathrow about his broken tooth. *Five per cent of the centre's* patients have dental problems. Minor cases are given first aid and/or pain relievers on the spot and more serious ones are referred to one of the local dentists on the centre's emergency list.

Yours sincerely,
P. WHITFORD, Deputy Director,
Heathrow Airport.
Heathrow Airport-London,
Hounslow.

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ary working men or women be left to the whims of employers and union officials. Union membership agreements can be signed over their heads. No ballot or consultation is required in the law. If they won't join the union the employers and union officials can arrange their dismissal. It is intended that such a dismissal should be legally "fair".

All this has happened to six men at Ferrybridge Power Station. Where will it happen next?

When a hundred and fifty of us *demonstrated there for* the reinstatement of the six men we spoke about freedom of choice and association. We resented dictatorship and injustice. Was anybody listening? Does anybody care?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL NICOLSON,
Confederation of Employee Organisations,
69b High Street,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire.
October 7.

Berkhamsted Town Hall

From Sir Hugh Greene and others

Sir, As present and former citizens of the Chiltern town of Berkhamsted, we wish to draw attention to yet one more threat to its amenities and appearance, which is sadly typical of what is happening throughout the country.

Berkhamsted has lost many good buildings in the last few years. The stretch of the High Street designated as a conservation area has, ironically enough, suffered most.

The Market House and Town Hall, a listed building, was erected in 1859 by public subscription as a centre for community activities, and it is one of the last remaining buildings of character in the High Street.

Now it too is threatened. The Parish Council, who are its trustees, are seeking permission to demolish it. Against that a group of subscribers of the Town Hall Trust have put forward a considered plan for its rehabilitation and re-use by the community.

We believe that today both economic logic and concern for architectural heritage point in the direction of retaining existing buildings and adapting them to modern use. We hope that this letter may help to save one such building.

The architect, Edward Buckton Lamb, also designed Disraeli's home, Hughenden Manor, and one other public building, the Town Hall at Eye, in Suffolk. In his time *he was regarded as an eccentric* because he looked for advanced solutions to problems. That is one more reason for restoring and not destroying what remains of his work.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH GREENE,
GRAHAM GREENE,
ANTONY HOPKINS,
RICHARD MABEY,
PETER QUENNELL,
Earl's Hall,
Cockfield,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk.
October 11.

Fresh hope of downturn in American prime rates

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 15

A small bank in Missouri, the Southwest Bank of St Louis, today cut its prime lending rate from 8 per cent to 7¼ per cent.

The move in itself is not considered by money market analysts to be of much importance, but it has triggered increased speculation that one or other of the country's major banks may make a similar cut

Money market rates and recent open market actions by the Federal Reserve Board indicate that there is now room for a modest easing in bank lending rates.

Loan demand continues to be sluggish, partly because of the high rates and many banks are considering rate cuts to stimulate business. This clearly was the motive behind the Southwest Bank reduction.

But the volume of Treasury borrowing, coupled with the Fed's determination to maintain rates around current levels, leads most experts to predict that if there are any prime rate cuts they will be very small and could well be an aberration in a tread that is basically upward.

Hopes of rate cuts have aided an upswing in share prices on Wall Street, but brokers are swift to point out that the main cause is the increasing awareness of fundamentals, for example, the brighter corporate profit outlook over the next 12 to 18 months.

The markets would be a lot more bullish, according to brokers, were if not for the desperate uncertainty surrounding the New York City financial crisis.

The city's problems are also holding up rate considerations by major banks. They have had to absorb large loan losses on their real estate investments and loans to W. T. Grant and enormous losses could be incurred by almost all banks if the municipal bond market falls to pieces.

The hope of some banks is that these losses can be partly offset by a widening of earnings margins and this is the incentive to maintain lending rates somewhat higher than has been traditionally the case when Federal funds and commercial paper rates have been moving down.

An important factor here will be whether the First National City Bank maintains its formula in coming weeks of keeping the prime 1¼ per cent over the average 90-day commercial rate for three weeks or widens the margin.

Nigeria appeals for curb on shipping

By Malcolm Brown

The Nigerian government yesterday issued an urgent appeal to world shipping not to send further ships—particularly cement carriers—to Nigerian ports without explicit prior approval from the Nigerian port authorities.

This appeal was issued after discussions at the Baltic Exchange in London, where a high-level Nigerian government delegation has been attempting to ease the mounting crisis facing Nigeria's clogged ports. The Baltic Exchange is the world nerve centre for dry cargo chartering.

Nigeria now faces an international row with banks who make loans on the strength of irrevocable letters of credit from the Nigerian authorities. The government is to attempt to renegotiate the scheduling of cargoes over a period of up to three years.

The present situation at Lagos-Apapa is that more than 400 ships are awaiting berths, 250 of them cement vessels carrying a total of 2.5 million metric tonnes, ordered principally by the Nigerian Ministry of Defence.

Led by Chief Folawiyo, a businessman, the Nigerian delegation has told the Baltic Exchange directors that the Nigerian cement order book now stands at 20 million tonnes for delivery over a 12 month period, far more than can be accommodated. Some 16 million tonnes of this were ordered by the Ministry of Defence, so far less than 4 million tonnes has been shipped or discharged.

Arrangements have been made by the Nigerians to convert berths immediately from other uses to the discharge of cement. It is reported that this means that the normal discharge rate of 4,000 tonnes a day has been raised to 24,000 tonnes.

Government officials will be waiting to see whether this new appeal will stop the inflow of ships. This has built up over the past few weeks, despite the law gazetted on August 18 forbidding ships, especially cement ships, from coming to Lagos without prior approval. The law has been ignored by shippers.

Urging shippers to think again, Chief Folawiyo said yesterday: "Unless the market realizes what the situation is the congestion cannot be cleared and we ask all shippers and owners to understand this fact."

The Nigerian government delegation emphasized to the Baltic Exchange directors that the government would meet its present commitments but that discussions were now in progress with suppliers for the rescheduling of these and future commitments.

The Baltic Exchange has undertaken to recommend caution until the present problems are resolved.

Asked yesterday about demurrage payments—compensation for ships delayed at port through no fault of their own—Chief Folawiyo said: "Existing commitments will be honoured by the Central Bank of Nigeria, including genuine claims for demurrage.

"There has been a temporary suspension of payments of demurrage due to the fact that the committee set up by the Federal government to reschedule and renegotiate existing orders has discovered some discrepancies and anomalies in the indiscriminate payment of demurrage.

"Some suppliers have obtained demurrage payments far in excess of what was due. For example, a vessel carrying 500 tons of cement has received demurrage payments of $4,100 a day instead of the pro rata contracted rate of $200 per day equating to 40 cents per ton loaded."

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Unilever link-up cost £1.5m

By Kenneth Owen

A £1.5m telecommunications network linking Unilever factories, warehouses and offices in the United Kingdom was inaugurated yesterday by Sir Murray Fox, Lord Mayor of London.

The network is believed to be the largest private telecommunications network in Britain, and one of the largest in the world. Based on three automatic switching centres in London, Leeds and Port Sunlight, Wirral, the system is able to connect up to 30,000 telephone extensions in Unilever group companies in England, Scotland and Wales.

Inaugural calls on the system were made yesterday by Sir Murray; Councillor Alan Pedley, Lord Mayor of Leeds; and Councillor Kenneth Fox, Mayor of Wirral. Sir Murray said that the City of London, much-criticized for not investing in United Kingdom industry, had in fact invested nearly £1,200m in industry so far this year.

Mr David Orr, chairman of Unilever, said that the need to improve efficiency and to modernize manufacturing processes as well as administrative service resources was more urgent today than ever.

"Only by investing in efficiency", he said, "will British companies be able to compete effectively in international markets."

£20m scheme outlined for clothing industry

By David Young

Details of the government scheme to pump £20m into Britain's clothing industry during the next three years were announced yesterday. The measures aim to improve productivity and efficiency, and protect 340,000 jobs.

The scheme has the approval of the EEC, although Britain has agreed that it will not be used to increase the size of the industry.

Mr Jack Macgougan, general secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, and chairman of the TUC textile, footwear and clothing committee, said the unions welcomed the scheme because it was aimed at improving job security and because it showed that the Government did not consider the clothing industry expendable

It was developed as a result of proposals presented to the Government earlier this year by the National Economic Development Office's clothing industry economic development committee, which originally asked for a state commitment of £42m.

It will be in operation until the end of 1978, but companies will have to apply for assistance before the end of next year, and applications for financial aid will have to be made before any new project is started.

The aid is being made available under Section Eight of the Industry Act 1972 and the aim is to enable the industry to meet competition without continuing special government assistance.

Before approval for aid is given, the Department of Industry will have to be shown that a project is consistent with the objectives of the scheme.

This will mean in particular that it is commercially and technically practicable; that it is appropriate to the managerial and financial resources of the company involved and that it will significantly improve productivity and efficiency.

Three types of assistance will be available. Companies employing less than 300 people will be able to seek grants of 50 per cent for consultancy assistance aimed at improving efficiency and productivity.

Grants of up to 20 per cent may be offered towards the cost of investment projects costing more than £30,000, and help may be given for projects involving common service ventures, mergers, restructuring or reorganization.

This aid will be an alternative and not a supplement to help available to companies in assisted areas under the Section Seven facilities of the Industry Act 1972 and in Northern Ireland under the Industries Development Acts.

Mr Peter Parker, the clothing industry committee chairman, said yesterday: "This scheme reflects the importance of the industry and provides a real opportunity for it to improve its structure, its productivity and efficiency and the conditions of employment

Builders fear tax will start land famine

There would be a serious land famine in about two years' time as a result of the proposals for development land tax and the existing development gains tax, Mr Ernest Smith, president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, told builders in Chepstow, South Wales, yesterday.

There was a considerable risk of near collapse of a large part of the house-building programme, Mr Smith said. Other new development work was bound to suffer because of the serious delays that would occur.

While welcoming the concessions made by the Government last week in the Community Land Bill, Mr Smith said these would not amount to much unless there were parallel concessions in the rate of development land tax.

It was no good excepting small residential developments and industrial buildings from the land Bill provisions if no land was being brought forward for development as a result of penal taxation rates.

Mining site for town

Approval is being sought for a plan to mine 400,000 tons of coal and then use the reclaimed land as part of a new town. The mining, on an opencast site near Telford New Town, Shropshire, would take about three and a half years.

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Regarding Moroccan Phosphate

An open letter to Mr. M. Karim Lamrani,

President, Office Cherifien des Phosphates and President of the World Phosphate Rock Institute

(Rabat and Paris)

Sir,

Intensely interested in the welfare of Third World non oil producing nations, I must give you my views on phosphate rock and fertilizer demand and prices. Phosphate rock accounted last year for 20% of Morocco's GNP and an increasingly important percentage of the foreign exchange of seven African and Asian countries not blessed with oil resources, counting on your price and planning leadership.

While I know that you have been concerned by my article in the London Times on May 27th entitled "Lower phosphate prices probable after War of Nerves", I must assure you that I have no interest in either a lower or a higher price in phosphates, and I merely predicted the current crisis on the basis of the lower demand triggered by your huge increase in prices. With or without The Times article on our "PhosMarket" study, the shortages which everybody else was (unfortunately) predicting at the time, would have inevitably turned into the surpluses which even you admit today, on account of farmers price resistance. Even W. R. Grace with its excellent market research resources was wrong at the time, so why not OCP and its advisers? In looking over current FAO data, it is easy to see how realities are hard to penetrate official circles.

As a statesman who has rendered unique services to your king and country, I am taking the liberty of inviting you to take a step which will aid your country, and particularly the other smaller phosphate rock producing nations, which have been looking to you for over 2 years for leadership and advice.

Rather than reduce your production from the projected 22.5 million tons to only 16.5 million tons, as you have announced (and in my opinion your sales will be considerably lower than your estimate), I believe that it will be better for Morocco, the friends of Morocco, the world farmer and the world economy, if you would sell your entire production at a lower price. The OCP and others will maintain their employment at the levels of last winter, and help other countries increase their farm and chemical production and employment. The percentage of fertilizers in Morocco's GNP should not change, and the future of your phosphate rock leadership shall be assured.

Your role as an economic statesman will permit you to go down in world history not as the engineer of the 1974 price rises, but as the Talleyrand of the prosperity of Morocco, its Arab and non Arab friends.

As you know many of your phosphate rock manufacturing friends are panicked because of the lack of sales. Some of them will not be able to hold out. As I said in The Times, your customers, the large chemical fertilizer companies, after getting the message from the farmer, will win the war of nerves. Your artificial price for rock is economically untenable and you do not have the OPEC power to make it stick. Thus it is better that you should be the engineer of the price readjustment, rather than the follower, which, in my opinion, you shall have to become inevitably.

Morocco can sell its entire production, and so can its friends, if they sell it to the U.S. fertilizer manufacturers who do not own phosphate mines. You have already created tremendous profits to the U.S. phosphate rock manufacturers, who raised their prices almost to your levels. While they have been building added phosphoric capacities, they have encouraged the OCP and its friends to slit their own throat by their antieconomic prices. Now is the time to show that you will not fall for this monopolistic game which is interested in stock prices and dividends rather than helping the economy of Morocco and its phosphate rock producing friends.

By selling your entire output rather than restricting production, and by doing it now, rather than later, you will not only avoid the semi strangulation of many of your friendly enterprises, but also be the leader rather than the follower. Many producers cannot wait any longer, and some are not waiting any more. This very minute you are losing valuable markets in Europe, South America and particularly Japan.

The future of phosphates is fabulous. Your own resources, calculated at the Peter Grace price to Texasgulf, amount to many hundreds of billions of dollars. Why continue to jeopardize your current and short term future, when you are sitting on an asset almost as good as petroleum? With double digit inflation around the world, you should be able to raise your phosphate prices to further heights before the end of the current decade—and do it as an economic statesman, in addition to the political statesman, a role in which you have already been confirmed.

Yours truly,
ROBERT ARIES,
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75116 Paris.

BSI chief says Flixborough will lead to tighter standards at petroleum plants

By Our Technology Correspondent

Lessons of the Flixborough disaster are likely to lead to a tightening of official standards for piping systems at petroleum refineries and petrochemicals plants.

Amendments to published standards will include additional warnings as a result of tests carried out during the Flixborough investigations. Changes in standards of fire precautions in chemical plant are also being considered, and a new official standard covering the installation of expansion bellows in piping systems is probable.

This was announced yesterday by Sir Frederick Warner, chairman of the British Standards Institution. Introducing the institution's annual report for 1974-75 at the annual general meeting in London, Sir Frederick referred to his own role as adviser to the Flixborough court of inquiry.

"It is to be regretted that, however much work is done to keep standards in the forefront of technology, this is of no account unless standards are in fact used", he said.

"BSI's response since May to the findings of the inquiry has demonstrated the institution's continuing task of meeting up-to-the-minute requirements for standards, and its ability to do so."

Mr G. B. R. Fielden, BSI director-general, said in his review of the year: "This has been a year when British business has been beset by severe inflationary pressures, shortage of resources and production difficulties.

"In such bad times the basic principles of standardization can particularly help us to make the most of what we have."

Sir Con O'Neill has been co-opted to serve on the BSI board, initially for two years. This follows discussions on "the urgent need for leadership in integrating United Kingdom policy with the present commitments of the European standards programme".

Mobil may sell Sumatra gas rights

Japan's Petroleum Development Corporation has declined to comment on a Tokyo press report that the American Mobil Oil Corporation is offering to sell Japanese companies 30 per cent of its natural gas concession in northern Sumatra for $450m (nearly £225m).

Mr W. P. Tavoulareas, Mobil's president, is expected to visit Japan late this month for negotiations.

Canton Fair opens

Canton Trade Fair, China's export showroom, opened yesterday with more than 60,000 commodities on display. Business sources in the city said it would take some days to ascertain whether state corporations were lowering prices to attract badly-needed foreign exchange, as happened last year.

Scottish holiday boost

Proposals for revitalizing tourism in Scotland to provide better holidays and create more wealth were disclosed yesterday by the Scottish Tourist Board. The board hopes to see 40 or more "holiday activity centres" based on existing resorts, with facilities for sport, entertainment, car hire, coach trips and a wide choice of accommodation.

Colour TV sales fall

Deliveries of colour television sets to distributors continue to fall according to the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers Association. During August 94,000 imported and domestically-produced sets were delivered, a drop of 36 per cent on the August 1974 figure, when 148,000 sets were delivered. During the first eight months of this year deliveries of colour sets fell by 31 per cent

Leyland work-to-rule

A ban on overtime and a work-to-rule was introduced yesterday by 430 inspectors at the British Leyland car assembly plant at Cowley, Oxford, in support of their attempt to be regraded as direct workers,

Dutch employers to resist inflation proofed wages

The Hague, Oct 15.—Dutch employers are determined not to give any pay rises or compensation for price rises next year, Mr C. van Veen, employers delegation chairman, told Cabinet, employers and workers' representatives in preparatory talks for a 1976 central wages agreement.

Mr van Veen later told a press conference both the Cabinet delegation and the delegation of the three Dutch trade union federations were surprised by the employers' stand.

The talks on a central wage agreement for 1976 will start on November 4 in The Hague. —Reuter.

Europe cutback by Enka

Arnhem, Oct 15.—AKZO NV's fibres unit Enka Glanzstoff said it will decide next week on the restructuring needed to reduce production and axe about 6,000 jobs in its European operations.

Further negotiations with the unions in Holland, Belgium and Germany will be held on a country-by-country basis, not in one "package", as the unions themselves want, Enka said.

It expects to hear the central works council's reaction to its proposals this week. Unions from the company's plant in the three countries last week rejected the plan at a meeting in Düsseldorf.

Under a plan drawn up with advice from the McKinsey consultancy company Enka aims to trim an expected loss of 400m guilders this year. Its major proposals include a cut in rayon and nylon production capacity by 60,000 tonnes and rationalization in other sectors. —Reuter.

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Delay foreseen in start of Piper oilfield flow

Wood Mackenzie and Co, the London stockbrokers, said yesterday that the Piper oilfield in the British sector of the North Sea was likely to come into production next May—two months later than previously expected.

The field is being developed by a group led by Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

Wood Mackenzie attributed the delay to a combination of bad weather and problems in anchoring a derrick barge. It said development drilling on the field was expected to begin in February.

The brokers consider maximum production from the field should be achieved in November, 1977, and Occidental has estimated that production could reach 250,000 barrels a day.

Occidental has a 36.5 per cent interest in the Piper field; Getty Oil Co, 23.5 per cent; Allied Chemical Corporation, 20 per cent and Thomson Scottish Petroleum, Ltd, 20 per cent.

Council derides Humberside planners' report

By Ronald Kershaw

Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council was accused yesterday of wasting the time of local authorities with a "meaningless" report

Sir Ron Ironmonger, leader of the South Yorkshire County Council, cites the latest planning council document, Regional Strategy Review of 1975, ordered by the Government and due to be published in January.

Sir Ron said yesterday that the report contained nothing new.

"It was issued to us on the understanding that we should meet the planning council on October 28 to examine it jointly and redraft it, but in the meantime the planning council has issued its own release on the findings which are little more than a reiteration of the blindingly obvious."

The county council's policy committee meeting yesterday unanimously condemned the document and decided to refuse the planning council's invitation to discuss it with them

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closed shops: a taste of the Inquisition

From Mr Paul Nicolson

Sir Mr Jim Platts is right to challenge Eric Wigham's doubts about the right to remain outside a union in a closed shop on the grounds of conscience (October 13). This right is proposed by the Lords' amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, which added the grounds of "conscience" to "religious conviction". Without the amendment, atheists could be "fairly" sacked for not joining a closed shop union.

There is a nasty taste of the Inquisition in the proposals that any individual should be required to convince a tribunal that he has "good" conscientious reasons for not joining or resigning from a trade union in a closed shop. Equally serious is the threat to ordinary political freedom proposed by the Bill.

Freedom of speech is ended in the place of work if dismissal from work is the consequence of resignation from a trade union. It is no answer to this objection to the Bill to argue that an individual can speak freely at work if he, or she, pays a subscription to a particular union for the privilege.

The unimpeded right to terminate membership of a union without being sacked is as important as the right to resign from a political party. Socialists, Conservatives and most other subscribing members of political parties would not accept a law which resulted in banishment if they resigned or did not join and pay up.

Resignation is the ultimate sanction with which the dissentising individual can peacefully demonstrate his disagreement. It is being systematically removed from working people by a Parliament which prefers to see a man unemployed rather than let him resign from a union and stay at work to continue advocating his views.

Freedom of association has been brutally ended for six members of the Electricity Supply Union which is not party to a closed shop agreement between four big unions and the Central Electricity Generating Board. Their union is not affiliated to the TUC. They have been sacked because they will not join one of the unions party to a closed shop agreement. Neither they nor any of the workers in the industry have been asked if such an agreement is acceptable.

This deliberate attempt by a nationalized industry to eliminate a small union by sacking its members cuts deeply into the political freedoms of both speech and association.

They will go to a tribunal in the knowledge that members of unions not affiliated to the TUC have been deliberately excluded from membership of the Industrial Tribunals Panel by the Secretary of State for Employment. TUC affiliates nominate all the employee lay members.

We do not question the integrity of such lay members of the panel. We do strongly object to any judicial appointment having such a blatant political bias which must raise suspicions, however unworthy, about the independence of the tribunals' judgments.

These suspicions could be raised if one member of a tribunal is also a member of a union which has signed a closed shop agreement, when the tribunal is judging a dismissal case which is claimed to be unfair on the grounds of conscientious or any other objection to membership of that closed shop union.

Yours faithfully,
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General Secretary,
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October 13.

Frightening possibilities of the Arab boycott

From Mr Richard Loftus

Sir, Malcolm Brown's admirable article (October 8) gave a balanced account of a situation which could bring world trade to a standstill if other countries acted in the same way as the Arabs wherever political differences exist.

The Arab boycott is the most blatant form of commercial intimidation in peace time in recent history. How damaging it could be to British exports is shown by the statistics: in 1974 United Kingdom sales to Israel amounted to £220m and have already reached £136m in the first eight months of this year.

This puts Israel amongst Britain's 25 largest export markets (21st in 1974), well ahead of many much larger countries and also ahead of most Arab states. The balance of trade with Israel in 1974 was £140m in Britain's favour, the second largest positive balance we had with any of our trading partners.

Furthermore, Israel, being a highly industrialized country provides a market for capital goods which will not be needed in the Arab oil producing countries for many years to come. The opportunities for British industry in the Middle East outside Israel lie in different fields, in infrastructure, desalination and similar large-scale projects. There is, therefore, no reason why trade should not develop to the satisfaction of all concerned—provided, of course, that there is good will on the part of the countries involved.

It is this good will which is so conspicuously absent on the part of the Arab Boycott Office, which asserts that it does not wish to harm third countries, that it does not intend to interfere in "ordinary business deals", that it is not against Jews but only against Israel.

The facts prove otherwise: baptismal certificates are required before visas are issued for certain Arab countries, firms are asked to certify that they have no Jews on their boards and companies are blacklisted because their names sound Jewish or simply as a means of intimidation.

It is high time that all those who believe that civilization cannot survive without world trade, begin to see the danger in letting the Arab boycott succeed. It would soon be followed by similar moves in other parts of the world and we might as well all prepare to return to the caves.

Yours faithfully,
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NEB must not become a case of the blind leading the blindfolded

From Mr James Elles

Sir, In his article of October 9, Peter Jay highlighted the dilemma which the Government faces with the National Enterprise Board. In what does the Board invest and with how much?

According to its most recent pronouncements the Government has done a characteristic volte-face and is now thinking of investing in industries selectively; but there is little indication of which criteria should be applied.

If industry is to be reconstructed in order to remain competitive in world markets, I believe finance should be channelled using the following grounds as the main criteria:

First, to industries which have easy and reliable access to raw materials;

Second, to industries which have export potential;

Third, to industries which are profitable when examined commercially on the basis of a reasonable rate of return;

Finally, to industries which fall into neither of the categories two and three above but provide employment in difficult regional areas.

The last category can only be temporary while different industries are created in regional development areas that are self-sufficient, ie no governmental support, together with extensive retraining schemes to rebuild community infrastructures. For no Government can afford to subsidise all its industry all the time, and import controls, even selective ones, are no panacea.

Once the areas are decided and the finance granted there should be no further government interference, either in the public or private sectors, particularly in the form of planning agreements deciding forward plans or annual budgets.

In addition under no circumstances should the Government be permitted to take a majority shareholding in any further industries. This will only be a recipe for incompetence and inefficiency.

If no positive rational criteria are set, industrialists and bureaucrats, as Peter Jay has indicated, will wander around together blindfold in the same fog. Or, as Yama said to Nachiketas Katha Upanishad: "They who dwell in the ignorance within it, wise in their own wit and deeming themselves very learned, men bewildered are they who wander about stumbling round and round helplessly like blind men led by the blind."

Yours faithfully,
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75 Ashley Gardens,
London, SW1.

Follies of metrication

From Mr A. J. Croft

Sir, Metrication in the United States has been a dead duck since last year's vote in Congress, but our Metrication Board do not seem to have noticed. Perched as we are between the continent and north America we ought to be thinking about making the best of both worlds.

Where exports are important, and inflationary consequences and inconvenience at home are unimportant, then metrication must proceed space. But until we export the bottled pinta and the rolling English road it is folly to change to litres and kilometres for the sake of conformity or uniformity.

The sting has been taken out of conversion between units: electronic calculators now cost little more than a bottle of brandy and with one any fool can convert anything to anything in seconds.

Yours etc,
A. J. CROFT,
20 Parks Road,
Oxford.

Postwar build-up of machine tools needed again

From Mr Philip de Havilland

Sir, Just after the war a Government reserve of machine tools was built up and stored in government stores all over the country.

Unfortunately that reserve was built up mainly by purchasing new machine tools from Germany-Italy and other foreign countries, with the result that we in Great Britain built up the European machine tool industries.

Some years later these machines were released to industry in general on a tender basis. Now, with the machine tool trade in the doldrums, why cannot the Government build up a new reserve by placing orders with our remaining machine manufacturers for general purpose machine tools and store them in their depots throughout the country?

This would mean our machine tool makers would be tooled-up and prepared for the upswing in industry. So, in 1976-77, there would be no lag in preparation if the Government allowed the makers to repurchase their own machines when necessary to help the industry to get off to a "flying start".

Yours faithfully,
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October 13.

Tax evasion

From Miss Rosemary Buckley

Sir, Ico Biraghi's analysis of the reasons for the breakdown of Project Atena, as reported in Business Diary (October 3), and the consequent inability of the Italian Fisc to collect taxes from anybody but salaried workers, is widely acknowledged in Italy.

The tax evasion almost universally practised by the very rich is unfortunately well known also to the underworld. One side effect of this may be the marked increase in recent times of crimes involving kidnapping, in constant fear of which the rich man and his family now live.

Huge ransoms are demanded and are promptly handed over; tragically the victims by no means always return alive.

Yours faithfully,
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October 3.

Management

From Sir Arthur Kirby

Sir, With reference to Professor Lockyer's letter (October 10) in which he attributes the shortage of production managers to "making things" not being an occupation fit for gentlemen, is it not more likely that young men are reluctant to go into production management because of the much publicised difficulties of managing labour, the intransigence of shop stewards and the opportunities of trade unions as demonstrated from time to time by the various media.

No one wants to go into a job which seems to offer little but frustration and very little joy from the otherwise satisfying task of making things.

Yours faithfully,
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October 12.

Business appointments

Mr E de Rothschild joins Eagle Star

Mr Evelyn de Rothschild has been appointed a director of Eagle Star Insurance.

Mr John Daffin has been made financial controller of J. Coral Holdings.

Mr Cyril Howe has resigned from the board of Thos W. Ward.

Mr R. B. Lewis has retired as a director of Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie (Aust).

Mr P. Genders has joined the board of the Hogg Robinson Group.

Mr N. B. Cork has become a member of the board of the Mitford Docks Co.

Mr T. K. Faris has joined the board of Warren Tea Holdings.

Mr Richard Spencer has been appointed to the board of Sandhurst (Stationers).

Mr T. A. Moy and Mr B. T. B. Pulle have resigned from the board of Walker Sons and Co (UK).

Mr A. J. Glock has been appointed managing director of Staines Group.

Mr John Smith has been made managing director of Multisets. Mr Alan Hayden, previously managing director, becomes chairman.

Mr Charles Goldman has been elected a vice-president of ITT Europe, Inc and its general counsel for Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Mr Herbert High has been appointed a director of Davenports Brewery (Holdings).

Mrs F. Isnay Thomas has been made deputy chairman of the North Thames Gas Consumers' Council.

Mr Brian Smith, previously group secretary of the Ault & Wiborg Group, has become managing director of the subsidiary company, Acalor International.

Mr David Gregory has been appointed controller-UK by Sperry Remington Consumer Products.

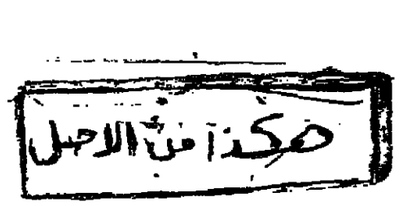
Mr John Stanard Feek has become managing director of Abercom Investments.

Mr Peter Dyson has joined the board of Excess Holdings.

Mr Ernest Gleghorn has been appointed chairman of Murray, Sons and Company, Belfast. He was previously managing director.

Mr G. E. Llardet has become chairman of the W. F. Stanley group of companies following the acquisition of Sime Darby, London. Mr Llardet has also joined the board of Sime Darby London. The managing director of W. F. Stanley is to be Mr W. E. Mears. Mr Gordon Dodds continues as general manager and director.

Mr J. O. Oldroyde and Mr Welsford have resigned from the board of Scot Bowyers.



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Working party to study finance for industry and role of City

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
Financial Editor

A working party made up of representatives of all the leading investment institutions is to take two months deciding whether there is a need by industry for more equity finance and, if so, how the the City can best provide it.

This move by the institutions is a direct response to the initiative begun in the summer by Mr Gordon Richardson, the Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Henry Benson, his industrial adviser.

Sir Henry may become a member of the working party which will include representatives of the British Insurance Association, the National Association of Pension Funds, the Association of Investment Trust Companies, the Association of Unit Trust Managers and Finance for Industry, the medium-term lending institution in which the Bank of England has a shareholding.

Announcing the formation of the working party yesterday Mr Ernest Bigland, chairman of the British Insurance Association, said the idea of a new body, possibly known as the Equity Capital Corporation, which might have funds of between £150m and £300m at its disposal, was under consideration.

The working party had to decide within two months, he said, whether there was a gap in the existing mechanisms for providing industry with sufficient equity finance, and, if so, how that gap should be filled.

He rejected suggestions that an institution which might emerge as a result of these discussions would be "a lender of last resort"—or at least the last resort before a company went to the Government's proposed National Enterprise Board.

Mr Bigland suggested that over the next two years many sound companies might, for instance, face severe financial problems as they built up stocks again to meet reviving demand. These were the sort of companies which he foresaw any organization like an Equity Capital Corporation helping.

The initiative started by the Governor of the Bank was seen partly as a response to criticism of the City institutions, particularly by left-wing politicians, for not channelling sufficient funds to industry. The Governor with Sir Henry, is determined to see whether such a need for funds existed over and above the funds which are already being provided through rights issues and such bodies as Finance for Industry.

The formation of the working party by the investment institutions presumably reflects the Governor's wish that any such equity investment institution should be created by institutions who would have to provide the funds and not be seen as something sponsored by the Bank of England.

Mr Bigland said yesterday that discussions among various City institutions had been going on for some time, and individual moves had already been made. For example, the pension funds have apparently been in touch with a number of leading companies in which they invest to ask whether further finance was required for new developments and processes and, if so, to open discussions about it.

Mr K. G. Smith, of the National Association of Pension Funds, said yesterday that the response by companies to this had been encouraging.

Mr Bigland stressed that the idea of any equity investment fund would be to supplement rather than supplant existing sources of capital. "It would not be our intention to go out and interfere with industry", he said. "We would expect companies to come to us, and we would hope that companies would have gone through all the usual channels before they came to us."

And on the question of whether such companies would by that time be in serious financial difficulties, he suggested that it was reasonable to expect to pay a small premium to protect the sound companies that existed and help maintain the system.

If Equity Capital Corporation was set up, said Mr Bigland, it was expected that all the investment bodies now represented on the working party would be shareholders, including FFI despite the fact that it was set up as a response to last year's threatened liquidity crisis in industry specifically as a medium-term lender.

It was still early days and the matter had to be fully discussed and approved, but if such a body emerged he saw it having a small secretariat able to call in outside expert advice when it was needed.

On what sort of financial capacity any such equity bank might have, Mr Bigland said the total fund of perhaps £150m to £300m would represent only a small part of the funds for investment by the institutions participating. He thought investment would build up over a period of time but did not see it being more than, say, £50m in the first year.

He said that the institutional investment bodies represented on the working party were "vitally concerned with the strength and future prosperity of British industry." They were anxious, he said, to ensure that sound companies were given every assistance "within the range of prudent investment".

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Honeywell may market Xerox computers

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Honeywell, the United States electronics group, is to take over the servicing and marketing-support for Xerox mainframe computers as Xerox withdraws from this market. The agreement is subject to the completion of negotiations.

Xerox announced its decision to withdraw from the computer business last July. Yesterday the two companies said that they had signed a letter of intent for the takeover; details are expected to be agreed by December 1 and the deal should come into effect on January 1 next.

Under the proposed arrangement, Honeywell will handle all contracts with Xerox computer customers and provide continuing marketing, sales and maintenance support. Xerox will continue hardware and software engineering throughout 1976 and thereafter hand this support also over to Honeywell.

Honeywell anticipates employing "a substantial proportion" of Xerox computer marketing, maintenance and development personnel; and expects to increase its revenues and earnings and add to its own customer base.

For Xerox, the proposed arrangement would fulfil the company's obligations to its computer customers for service and support, and "allow an orderly transition of that business to an established company in the industry".

Frank Vogl writes: The agreement in part reflects the cost pressures placed on Xerox as a whole by the tough consent decree it was recently forced to sign to resolve an anti-trust case concerning its copier business. It also reflects the continuing problems in the computer business at a time when the United States and international economic recession is placing increasing pressures on all manufacturers.

International Business Machines, by far the largest computer manufacturer, has reported marginally lower per share earnings for the first nine months of the year. Mr Frank Cary, the company's chairman, said that inflation and the general recession are significantly depressing earnings, despite the company's continued ability to raise sales from quarter to quarter.

Capel drops currency dealing bid

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

James Capel has abandoned its controversial attempt to become the first stockbroking firm to join the élite inner circle of foreign exchange brokers.

It has agreed to sell the foreign exchange and currency deposit business of its associated broking company, Antrobus International, to R. P. Martin, one of the biggest money brokers in London.

Martin is also acquiring from Antrobus half of Capel's 40 per cent interest in Emirates Brokers, a foreign exchange brokerage business which is 60 per cent owned by local interests in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

The price is not revealed, but the value of the assets being sold is stated to be "less than 5 per cent of the assets of R. P. Martin". Capel will retain its interest in Antrobus's sterling brokerage business.

The deal marks the end of Capel's aspirations to become a force in the foreign exchange business by joining the important Foreign Exchange and Currency Deposit Brokers' Association.

The Bank of England encourages dealers in foreign exchange to channel transactions only through the 15 members of the association.

Capel's application to join initially met with considerable opposition. Latterly it seemed more likely that it would go through.

But Capel felt it would have to separate the management of its stockbroking and foreign exchange broking operations, and rather than lose direct control of the foreign exchange arm it decided to withdraw its application and dispose of its existing brokerage business.

High Court gives Fidelity Life 4-week deadline

Fidelity Life Assurance, facing a winding-up move by the Department of Trade, has been given four weeks by the High Court to produce evidence to justify its continued existence as a company.

Mr Justice Oliver rejected the department's move for an immediate winding-up order on the ground of public interest. The Department alleged that the company was insolvent, and that a guarantee given by the American parent, Fidelity Corporation Inc, was valueless.

But the judge said it would not be right to deprive Fidelity Corporation of time to continue negotiations in America to provide new capital for its subsidiary.

Government seeks new approach to Budget

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

A radical change in the way the Budget is prepared and resources are managed will be proposed by the Government when its meets Confederation of British Industry and Trades Union Congress representatives on November 5 at Chequers.

Mr Denis Healey and Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, have apparently reached agreement that the selective impact of budgetary measures must in future be assessed in a more planned way.

It is hoped that this proposal, to be embodied in the new strategy for assisting industry, for which CBI and TUC backing will be sought, can raise the level of industry's confidence in the Treasury decision-taking.

Secrecy surrounds the Chancellor's annual Budget-making exercise and methods will be developed, whereby that security can be eased to enable the Treasury to draw on external advice and to involve the Department of Industry on the options in adjusting taxation rates or making concessions.

This is the objective, though the detailed method for widening consultations and improving resource planning are being set aside until the CBI and the TUC have reacted to the Government's offer to bring industry and the Treasury closer together.

At the moment, both sides of industry submit pre-Budget representations, but remain in total ignorance of any subsequent adjustments in short and medium term economic management policies until they are announced.

An example expected to be given by Mr Healey and Mr Varley of how the Treasury can create a new understanding with industry, which at times has been openly hostile over suddenly announced policy changes, is that of the motor industry, whose performance can be affected by tax decisions for which it is not fully prepared. Industry's help might be sought in joint examination of selective tax or aid measures on a research basis.

Pledges to bring Treasury management closer to industry forms only a part of the proposals which the Government is now completing before it presents a discussion paper to the Chequers conference, under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and held under the aegis of the National Economic Development Council.

It has already been announced that Mr Alan Lord is moving over from the Department of Industry, where he coordinated industrial and commercial policy, to an new post at the Treasury, dealing as a Second Permanent Secretary with the domestic economy sector and a principal liaison man with his old department.

As architects of a new post-Benn industrial strategy designed to capture the imagination of the TUC and CBI, Mr Varley and Mr Healey are to ask for their help in identifying the priorities in deploying limited state resources and in steering both the new National Enterprise Board and the Little Neddies for specific industries on to practical work.

For its part, the Department of Industry has been preparing a cold assessment of the state of British industry. This identifies industries with bad strike records, low priority, and unsatisfactory investment spending. Where the TUC and the CBI are agreed, or where individual managements accept they have a problem, then the Government will move in.

But Mr Varley seems adamant that only worthwhile projects should be tackled; that is, those where the national interest can be unarguably defined or where the chances of a successful solution to the problem are reasonably strong.

He apparently feels that the Government cannot tell industry what it should do when operating its interventionary policies. However, industry has to accept a measure of intervention, and it is best to reach agreement first on the nature of government-industry relationships, and then to concentrate on where everyone can work together, free of dog-fighting or political complications.

To reassure the private sector, the Government seems to be ready to soft-pedal on its proposals for planning agreements. This does not mean abandoning the concept so aggressively promoted by Mr Benn, but letting companies grow into the idea of voluntary pacts as pioneers try them out.

At the same time, it is hoped to reduce the private sector's hostility to the NEB by ensuring that much of its work will be of an "Industrial Reorganization Corporation" type, to which the CBI does not object.

While the powers of the NEB to invest in profitable enterprises—the Lords withdrew some of them from the Industry Bill—will be restored in the Commons, Mr Varley is expected to explain that this is not the board's primary objective.

The inclusion of labour relations, including the identification of industries with poor records, on the agenda for the Chequers' meeting will please the CBI, which has the feeling that the TUC's influence over the Government excludes the controversial question of union behaviour in working our priorities for industrial reform.

If anything, ministers are expecting more difficulty in obtaining TUC support for its new strategy than from the CBI.

Ministers have been persuaded by industrialists that their confidence, so important in investment decision-taking, would be improved if union leaders could accept more responsibilities in promoting the regeneration of British industry.

The Chancellor and Mr Varley want to stress that import controls and other suggestions from the TUC are not a substitute for practical selective work within industry on a basis that brings the Government, the CBI and the TUC into a partnership.

CBI determined to see end of Price Code

By Malcolm Brown

Industrial leaders last night made it clear that they were determined to see abolition of the Price Code and that they wholly rejected the Government's proposals for planning agreements.

At a lengthy meeting of the grand council of the Confederation of British Industry, it was also decided to oppose the use of import controls imposed for balance of payments reason, but to urge the Government to take quicker more positive action when dealing with dumping allegations in such areas as television, shoes, textiles and cars.

Yesterday's meeting was used to dot the i's and cross the t's on a range of economic and industries policies in preparation for next month's Chequers talks on industrial strategy, the preliminary industry government meeting prior to the world economic summit, and a round of proposed ministerial meetings to sort out outstanding problems.

Sir Ralph Bateman, president of the CBI, said last night that among the main elements of the CBI's economic policy for the immediate future were: to oppose reflation of consumer demand at present; to urge the Government to publicly affirm that it wanted a private sector which could survive and prosper; and to urge the Government to seek better control of public expenditure, reducing wasteful expenditure particularly by local authorities.

The CBI policies are being formulated against the background of certain tentative assumptions made by its own economists. They are thought to believe that total national output will fall through 1975 and show little if any growth in 1976, and that unemployment will continue to rise reaching between one and a quarter and one and a half million by the end of 1976.

They also believe that the balance of payments current account deficit will continue to run below £2,000m per annum until the end of 1976 and that the volume of private fixed investment may fall at least until well into next year.

Reflation was opposed basically because it was too early yet to say whether the Government's counter inflation policy was going to be successful, Sir Ralph said. It was essential that the Government should understand that if industry was to come out of the reecssion in good form it must have substantially improved real profitability. The Government did not seem to appreciate that without improved profitability there could be no fresh investment or build-up for the future.

Stressing the need for the price code to go Mr Campbell Adamson, director general of the CBI, said it was acting as disincentive to investment. Industry needed investment in plant to lower unit costs.

But the price code was so constructed that it was impossible to get increased returns on this. Companies were on the one hand being asked to make investment to lower costs and on the other were being denied a proper return on it.

The matter is expected to be taken up shortly in a meeting with Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs. The CBI is also planning to meet the Prime Minister, the Chancellor and other ministers for a series of separate discussions over the next few weeks.

Setting the guidelines to Paris summit

From Roger Vielvoye
Paris, Oct 15

The 10 nations charged with making the arrangements for a world conference on economic cooperation spent most of today thrashing out the guidelines for the four commissions where the main work of the conference will be done.

Basis for the discussions is two papers—one from the seven oil producers and the developing countries—and the other from the Americans on behalf of Japan and the European Economic Community.

Tonight both sides were trying to weld these documents into a single consensus paper on which bilateral discussions could take place between governments before the main conference opens on December 16.

The cordial atmosphere that marked the start of the conference still exists, despite the differences of emphasis between the two sides. Nobody talks of the conference failing, but only how these differences can be overcome.

The four commissions will cover energy, raw materials, finance and development, but some of the suggestions by the seven—Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela, Algeria, India, Zaire and Brazil—cover a number of proposals to which the three representatives of the industrialized countries are opposed.

Most important is the seven's contention that indexing both oil and raw material prices is fundamental to the success of the conference.

American proposals are less specific and contain the proviso that any of the nations can add extra subjects to the list.

Delegates are keen to avoid establishing four bodies that will prove to be merely "talking shops".

Whitehall move to help Meriden sales effort

By Our Industrial Editor

The Department of Industry is ready to encourage the Meriden motor cycle cooperative, Synova Motors, to establish its own marketing and selling operations in home and overseas markets.

This will be the Government's answer if the financially-troubled Norton Villiers Triumph company, recently denied further state aid, fails to take sufficent Meriden-made machines for resale.

The Meriden cooperative, which last year received a £750,000 grant and in March took up the first payment of its £4.2m state loan, is threatened by a build-up of stocks and the small offtake by NVT, which has its own troubles.

At the moment a special £6m Export Credits Guarantee Department guarantee designed to lubricate NVT's commitment to Meriden is being withheld. The Department and the ECGD have been insisting on a detailed and specific document to ensure that NVT stands by Meriden.

This has led to an argument which—unfortunately for the Meriden men—means NVT has some bargaining power in trying to persuade the Government to help it in resolving its own problems.

It understands on good authority that Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is being recommended—unless NVT conforms to the stringent export finance terms—to support the cooperative in an alternative selling operation. A credit guarantee application would be sympathetically considered.

The Government hopes such a move may not be necessary, but NVT ought to be aware that its bargaining position is not as strong as it might feel.

Meanwhile NVT is preparing fresh proposals for restructuring itself and will be consulting both the Government and bankers. The group is reviewing its position under the shadow of the petition—to be heard on Monday—from a creditor for the winding-up of the main NVT company.

Its Wolverhampton subsidiary has already been put into liquidation. An action committee of the 1,000 workers is to meet union officials and MPs at the Commons today and then will request talks with Mr Varley.

Since a receiver was put in the workers have taken over their factory. The company was officially wound up in the High Court on Monday.

Yesterday Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of ASTMS, said that unless the Government took steps to divert money from property and secondary banking and at the same time put an immediate selective ban on imports, similar NVT situations could happen and "make mortuaries of Britain's industrial hopes".

Car parts makers face challenge from Europe

Clifford Webb

Two of Europe's largest motor component manufacturers, those Germany and Verto Dice, yesterday served notice on their United Kingdom competitors that they are ready to start for a share of the British components market. They chose the opening day of the London Motor Show to make their announcements.

Dewes, which already supplies 20 per cent of continental Europe's disc brakes, established a small factory in Wales only two years ago but so far the entire output has been exported.

At a press conference yesterday Mr Rolf Liebergesell, Verto's director of marketing said: "With such critical components as brakes you cannot expect to pick up orders overnight but we have been working closely with British motor manufacturers for some years and am confident that within two years we shall have our brakes on British cars".

United Kingdom brake supplies are dominated by two companies, Lucas Girling and Automotive Products. Verto, with its main plant near Paris, claims to be the biggest manufacturer of clutches in the world with an output last year of around 9 million.

Yesterday it announced plans to establish a British marketing operation and hinted at manufacturing facilities to follow. Mr Martin Wharmby, newly-appointed manager for the United Kingdom said Verto's long absence from this market would soon be rectified. He revealed that the company had already won a big contract to supply clutches for a new car to be produced in Britain.

Automotive Products holds more than 80 per cent of the British clutch market with GKN Laycock as the minority supplier.

Ulster challenge to £6 pay rule

By R. W. Shakespeare

Two separate groups of workers in Northern Ireland are challenging the Government-TUC £6 a week wages policy.

In one case 4,000 workers from a Belfast engineering company have now been on strike for eight weeks in support of pay demands in excess of the limit, in spite of the fact that unemployment in the area is running at 10.6 per cent.

In the other, a pay settlement covering some 2,700 workers, which may be ruled to be a breach of the Pay Code, has been reached in a company which has also been forced to announce 1,200 redundancies because of a cutback in orders.

The strike is in the engineering plant of James Mackie, which came to a standstill on August 26 when workers belonging to six different unions walked out. They are demanding pay rises of between £15 and £16 a week, which they say are necessary to bring their earnings into line with other engineering firms in the area.

The company has offered to pay the £6 maximum allowed under the Pay Code, but says it cannot do this until the new year when the existing 12 months' wage agreement runs out.

The Engineering Employers' Federation maintains that it has received guidance from the Department of Employment that Mackie's interpretation of the Pay Code is correct.

The company is refusing to reopen negotiations with the unions, who in turn say that they will ask Mr Stanley Orme, the Secretary of State for Industry in Northern Ireland, to set up a court of inquiry.

At Standard Telephones and Cables, which has three plants in Northern Ireland employing about 4,000 people, the 2,700 skilled and unskilled workers would receive increases of £9 and £7 a week respectively in a 12 months' deal backdated to July 1.

The contentious point is whether or not the new wage agreement, which followed a strike, was actually concluded before the Pay Code came into force. STC claims that it was, but the agreement could still become subject to a ruling by the Department of Employment.

Meanwhile, STC has announced the impending redundancy of 1,200 of its workers, including the closure of a factory at Larne which employs 750 people.

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Crown Agents plan out today

By Our Financial Staff

In a long-awaited statement in the Commons today, Mr Reg Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, will outline the Government's plans for bringing the Crown Agents under closer Whitehall supervision.

At the same time the Crown Agents are due to release audited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1974. These are expected to show provisions against possible future losses resulting from its ill-judged involvement in secondary banking and the property market in excess of £130m.

Since their deep financial troubles were disclosed last year, the Agents have been kept afloat by an £85m government grant. But not even this and the Agents' own internal reserves will be enough to cover bad debt provisions of these proportions and the Agents are now technically insolvent.

However, as an unincorporated body the Crown Agents are not covered by the Companies Act and with Mr Prentice likely to stress again earlier assurances that the Government will stand behind the Agents come what may, technical insolvency is largely a matter of semantics.

Stocks rise reflects US expansion

Washington, Oct 15.— Business stocks expanded in August for the first time in seven months while sales surged again, the United States Commerce Department reported today.

In August stocks of all businesses increased $1,290m (nearly £645m) or 0.5 per cent to a seasonally adjusted $264,640m after having declined $404m or 0.2 per cent in July. Stocks at the retail and wholesale level each increased $1,100m during the month but manufacturing stocks decreased $847m.

Business sales in August increased $2,860m or 1.7 per cent to an adjusted $171,980m from $169,120m in July when receipts had climbed 2.2 per cent.

Swan Hunter shares dip

Shares in Swan Hunter, the Wallsend shipbuilder, ran into renewed selling on the stock market yesterday, after reports that the group faced a "potentially serious" threat to jobs in its yards. At 61p, the shares fell 8p, after shedding 2p on Monday.

BARR AND WALLACE ARNOLD TRUST LIMITED

Interim Report for seven months ended 31st July, 1975.

rities	7 months 1975 £	7 months 1974 £	12 months 1974 £
lays Division	293,530	244,353	211,032
r Division	186,649	50,741	202,908
puter Bureau Division	127,111	62,335	120,077
	607,290	357,429	534,017
ict Interest and Parent Company Expenses less other come	59,064	51,409	132,741
	548,226	306,020	401,276
ict Provision re Court Line	—	90,287	98,962
before Tax	548,226	215,733	302,314
ion Estimated	285,000	112,181	159,793
after Tax	£263,226	£103,552	£142,521

How the markets moved

The Times index: 142.59—1.36
The FT index: 342.4—1.8

Rises

Ass Dairies	10p to 234p	Imp Cont Gas	8p to 353p
Appleyard	4p to 41p	Int Hldgs	15p to 955p
Ciro Hldgs	1p to 10½p	Minster Assets	4p to 46p
Forminster	8p to 78p	Mothercare	9p to 161p
Fogarty R.	5p to 52p	Welkom	20p to 350p
Scipperods	5p to 65p	Waterval Plat	8p to 148p
Hawker Sidd	1p to 306p	Worth Bond	3p to 42p

Falls

Amal Inv	2p to 20p	Kelsey Ind	4p to 50p
Brit Home Strs	6p to 340p	Land Secs	5p to 168p
BP	12p to 573p	Pilkington Br	7p to 274p
Brit Am Tob	5p to 312p	Shell	6p to 356p
Burmah Oil	2p to 31p	Slater Walker	3p to 49p
Cap & Counties	1½p to 12½p	Swan Hunter	8p to 61p
Imp Chem Ind	3p to 290p	Town & Com	3p to 9p

Equities fell back but rallied in late dealings.

Gilt-edged securities were firm.

Sterling was 85 pts up to $2.0555. The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.5 per cent.

Gold was up $1.50 an ounce to $142.5.

SDR—$ was 1.181121 on Tuesday while SDR—£ was 0.573841.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1137.5 (previous 1139.1).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	39.00	37.00
Belgium Fr	84.75	82.00
Canada $	2.15½	2.10½
Denmark Kr	12.65	12.25
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.30	9.00
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	69.75	67.50
Hongkong $	10.55	10.15
Italy Lr	1530.00	1480.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.60	5.40
Norway Kr	11.65	11.30
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.84	1.74
Spain Pes	125.25	120.25
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.95
Switzerland Fr	5.60	5.40
US $	2.09½	2.04½
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	38.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Gerrard & National
DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED

Interim Statement

The Directors have decided to pay an interim dividend of 3.0p per share (equivalent to 18.4615% gross) on the issued Ordinary share capital, which compares with 2.8475p per share (equivalent to 17% gross) last year. This dividend will be paid on 5 December, 1975 to members on the Register at the close of business on 7 November, 1975. Transfer books will be closed for one day on 10 November, 1975.

Despite a 2% rise in the Bank of England's Minimum Lending Rate during the first half of our financial year, profits have continued at a high level.

In the present uncertain economic atmosphere it is impossible to forecast a profit figure for the year as a whole. However, at the close of our year we confidently expect to be able to recommend a total dividend increase of 10%, the maximum allowed under present legislation.

R. G. Gibbs,
Chairman

15th October, 1975.

GROUP GOLD MINING COMPANIES

(All companies are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Reports of the directors for the quarter ended 30th September 1975

TRANSVAAL

VAAL REEFS EXPLORATION & MINING COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 19 000 000 shares of 50 cents each

PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1975
Tonnage 6 010 000 Grade 10.6 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	9 months ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
GOLD			
Tons milled	1 617 000	1 552 000	4 493 000
Yield—g/t	10.58	10.28	10.10
Gold produced—kg	17 111	15 950	45 387
Revenue per ton milled	R30.80	R34.66	R35.13
Cost per ton milled	R19.03	R19.39	R19.69
Profit per ton milled	R16.96	R15.27	R15.44
Revenue	R50 645 000	R53 793 000	R157 828 000
Cost	R32 228 000	R30 099 000	R88 488 000
Profit	R27 417 000	R23 694 000	R69 340 000
URANIUM OXIDE			
Tons treated	936 000	900 000	2 677 000
Yield—kg/t	0.27	0.25	0.25
Oxide produced—kg	252 273	225 237	674 604
Profit on sales	R430 000	R1 073 000	R1 733 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R27 417 000	R23 694 000	R69 340 000
Profit on sale of—			
Uranium Oxide	430 000	1 073 000	1 735 000
Sulphuric Acid	16 000	15 000	48 000
Net sundry revenue	511 000	416 000	1 951 000
	R28 374 000	R25 197 000	R73 072 000
Deduct:			
Royalty to Southvaal Holdings Limited—estimated	887 000	994 000	2 227 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	27 487 000	24 203 000	70 845 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	7 926 000	8 794 000	23 639 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R19 561 000	R15 409 000	R47 206 000
Capital expenditure	R8 266 000	R7 538 000	R21 499 000
Dividends declared—amount	—	R14 250 000	R14 250 000
—per share	—	75 cents	75 cents
CONSOLIDATED PROFIT			
Estimated consolidated profit after taxation and State's share of profit of the company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Western Reefs Exploration and Development Company Limited	R19 563 000	R15 402 000	R47 227 000

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Vaal reef Shaft area							
No. 1 (North)	2 335	306	25.1	76.15	2.33	1 919	63.57
No. 2 (North)	5 999	529	56.0	53.61	0.81	3 002	45.22
No. 3 (North)	3 158	254	10.9	134.13	3.91	1 462	42.65
No. 4 (North)	5 925	892	21.4	74.81	1.62	1 601	34.70
No. 5 (North)	511	18	9.6	153.33	1.77	1 472	16.95
No. 1 (South)	9 929	820	85.7	27.09	0.75	2 322	64.56
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	23 961	3 010	45.7	46.39	1.08	2 120	49.40
Quarter ended June 1975	21 208	3 314	43.3	46.81	1.14	2 027	49.38
9 months ended Sept. 1975	60 215	8 560	45.6	45.18	1.21	2 060	55.21
'C' reef No. 1 (South)							
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	404	44	13.7	65.62	1.66	899	22.80
Quarter ended June 1975	325	52	9.8	73.98	1.50	725	14.72
9 months ended Sept. 1975	1 000	114	12.0	67.08	1.79	805	21.45

DIVIDEND PAID
The dividend of 75 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June 1975 was paid on 8th August 1975.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1975 is R27 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R13 727 000.

VAAL REEFS SOUTH

Included in the above are the following figures in respect of the South Lease Area:

PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1975
Tonnage 1 350 000 Grade 11.6 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	9 months ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	371 000	376 000	988 000
Yield—g/t	11.15	11.22	11.04
Gold produced—kg	4 137	4 218	10 905
Revenue per ton milled	R38.23	R36.56	R37.59
Cost per ton milled	R20.09	R19.51	R20.70
Profit per ton milled	R18.14	R17.05	R16.89
Revenue	R14 185 000	R13 747 000	R57 140 000
Cost	R7 454 000	R7 334 000	R20 447 000
Profit	R6 731 000	R6 413 000	R16 693 000
Capital expenditure	R4 931 000	R4 188 000	R12 080 000

DEVELOPMENT—SOUTH LEASE AREA

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Vaal reef							
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	9 929	820	85.7	27.09	0.75	2 322	64.56
Quarter ended June 1975	8 429	1 282	71.6	35.47	0.90	2 540	64.40
9 months ended Sept. 1975	25 950	2 708	77.3	32.43	0.91	2 506	70.41
'C' reef							
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	404	44	13.7	65.62	1.66	899	22.80
Quarter ended June 1975	325	52	9.8	73.98	1.50	725	14.72
9 months ended Sept. 1975	1 000	114	12.0	67.08	1.79	805	21.45

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1975 is R17 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R7 638 000.

LOAN FROM SOUTHVAAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
As at 30th September 1975 the amount on loan from Southvaal Holdings Limited for financing capital expenditure in the area south of the Vaal River stood at its maximum of R10 000 000. The loan earns interest at 7.5 per cent per annum. In respect of the month of June of this year Vaal Reefs produced in excess of 136 000 tons from the Vaal Reefs South lease area. Consequently, in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreement, on 1st January 1976 Vaal Reefs is due to pay to Southvaal Holdings the first of the forty equal consecutive half-yearly loan repayments of R487 000 covering capital and interest.

URANIUM PRODUCTION FROM VAAL REEFS SOUTH LEASE AREA
Production of uranium from ore from the Vaal Reefs South lease area has commenced at the existing plants and sales of this material under the company's existing contracts will begin in 1976. Any profits from these sales will rank for payment of royalty to Southvaal Holdings Limited on the same basis as profits from gold.

For and on behalf of the board
D. A. ETHEREDGE }
W. R. LAWRIE } Directors

16th October 1975

SOUTHVAAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

The attention of shareholders is directed to the report of Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Company Limited set out above.

WESTERN DEEP LEVELS LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 25 000 000 shares of R2 each

PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1975
Tonnage 3 150 000 Grade 15.0 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	9 months ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
GOLD			
Tons milled	837 000	804 500	2 332 000
Yield—g/t	16.08	15.27	15.36
Gold produced—kg	13 451	12 284	35 825
Revenue per ton milled	R56.28	R55.60	R54.53
Cost per ton milled	R20.58	R21.41	R20.27
Profit per ton milled	R35.70	R33.67	R34.04
Revenue	R47 110 000	R45 131 000	R127 751 000
Cost	R17 230 000	R18 018 000	R47 084 000
Profit	R29 880 000	R27 105 000	R80 067 000
URANIUM OXIDE			
Tons treated	167 000	165 000	482 000
Yield—kg/t	0.23	0.22	0.22
Oxide produced—kg	38 952	35 658	104 845
Profit on sales	R20 000	R151 000	R160 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R29 880 000	R27 105 000	R80 067 000
Profit on sale of Uranium Oxide	20 000	151 000	160 000
Net sundry revenue	893 000	1 193 000	2 847 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	30 793 000	28 449 000	83 074 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	15 561 000	13 929 000	41 777 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R15 232 000	R14 520 000	R41 297 000
Capital expenditure	R4 293 000	R5 135 000	R13 746 000
Dividends declared—amount	—	R16 875 000	R16 875 000
—per share	—	67.5 cents	67.5 cents

SHAFT SINKING
NO. 2 TERTIARY SUB-VERTICAL SHAFT

Advance—metres	—	81.8	112.1
Depth to date—metres	617.8	617.8	617.8
Station cutting—metres	310.5	30.4	379.2

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Carbon Leader Shaft area							
No. 2	4 263	100	30.5	101.31	1.90	3 096	57.95
No. 3	3 927	108	24.2	209.59	1.84	5 072	44.42
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	8 190	208	27.2	151.54	1.87	4 122	50.92
Quarter ended June 1975	7 732	226	42.8	118.39	1.27	5 067	54.34
9 months ended Sept. 1975	22 585	676	35.8	114.50	1.30	4 099	46.62
V.C.R. Shaft area							
No. 2	1 365	28	97.4	29.30	—	2 853	—
No. 3	658	210	62.7	42.52	—	2 666	—
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	2 023	238	66.8	40.24	—	2 688	—
Quarter ended June 1975	1 712	242	59.0	49.29	—	2 908	—
9 months ended Sept. 1975	5 522	676	74.6	36.37	—	2 713	—

DIVIDEND PAID
The dividend of 67.5 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June 1975 was paid on 8th August 1975.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1975 is R18 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R6 116 000.

ELANDSRAND GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED
In a circular to members dated 8th August 1975, which was also published in the Press on that date, members were advised that the company had received from Elandsrand an amount of R465 000, as reimbursement for drilling and prospecting expenditure incurred and the cost of acquiring the right to mine in the portion of the company's mining lease which is to be ceded to Elandsrand. This amount was applied in subscribing for 465 000 shares of 20 cents each in the capital of Elandsrand.
The attention of members is drawn to the announcement published in the Press on 29th September 1975 in conjunction with the advertisement of the prospectus of Elandsrand offering for subscription a total of 20 000 000 shares in Elandsrand Gold Mining Company Limited.

For and on behalf of the board
D. A. ETHEREDGE }
W. R. LAWRIE } Directors

16th October 1975

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 3 300 000 shares of 35 cents each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1975
Tonnage 1 000 000 (previously 980 000)
Grade 5.0 grams per ton (previously 4.8)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	9 months ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	270 000	252 000	755 000
Yield—g/t	5.36	4.94	5.05
Gold produced—kg	1 446	1 245	3 813
Revenue per ton milled	R17.58	R17.02	R17.32
Cost per ton milled	R17.10	R16.24	R16.31
Profit per ton milled	R0.48	R0.78	R1.01
Revenue	R4 746 000	R4 290 000	R13 229 000
Cost	R4 618 000	R4 093 000	R12 464 000
Profit	R128 000	R197 000	R765 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R128 000	R197 000	R765 000
State Assistance—estimated	169 000	22 000	191 000
Net sundry revenue	67 000	78 000	244 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	364 000	297 000	1 200 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	16 000	15 000	65 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R348 000	R282 000	R1 135 000
Capital expenditure	R128 000	R160 000	R470 000
Dividends declared—amount	—	R248 000	R248 000
—per share	—	7.5 cents	7.5 cents

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Quarter ended Sept. 1975	2 141	1 456	41.3	15.38	635
Quarter ended June 1975	2 468	1 614	57.6	9.51	548
9 months ended Sept. 1975	6 717	4 750	46.3	12.18	564

DIVIDEND PAID
The dividend of 7.5 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June 1975 was paid on 8th August 1975.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1975 is R550 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R69 000.

PUMPING OF EXTRANEOUS WATER
The company is still awaiting the decision of the Department of Mines in regard to the company's representations concerning the proposed change of policy of that Department, in terms of which certain costs incurred by the company in pumping extraneous water would cease to rank for reimbursement by the State. If this proposal is implemented it will involve the company in meeting additional costs of the order of R300 000 per annum, but pending a decision in the matter no adjustment has been effected in the costs for the year to date.

RATIONALISATION OF SERVICES
As stated in the joint announcement by the company and East Daggafontein Mines Limited published in the Press on 19th September 1975 agreement has been reached for the rationalisation of mine management and certain services to the benefit of both companies. While both companies retain their separate identities the manager of S.A. Land has, in addition to his present responsibilities, assumed overall responsibility for East Daggafontein Mines.

PRODUCTION
Despite a marginal improvement during the quarter the mine continues to be affected by a shortage of labour.

For and on behalf of the board
W. R. LAWRIE }
D. A. ETHEREDGE } Directors

16th October 1975

EAST DAGGAFONTEIN MINES LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 3 730 000 shares of R1 each

PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1975
Tonnage 1 050 000 (previously 1 180 000)
Grade 1.80 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	9 months ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	289 000	270 000	712 000
Yield—g/t	1.60	1.62	1.88
Gold produced—kg	462	437	1 339
Revenue per ton milled	R5.44	R6.26	R7.33
Cost per ton milled	R8.00	R8.07	R8.94
Loss per ton milled	R2.56	R1.81	R1.61
Revenue	R1 571 000	R1 689 000	R5 216 000
Cost	R2 311 000	R2 178 000	R6 362 000
Loss	R740 000	R489 000	R1 146 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working Loss—Gold	R740 000	R489 000	R1 146 000
State Assistance—estimated	596 000	*509 000	1 105 000
Net sundry revenue	10 000	22 000	47 000
Profit (Loss) before taxation	(134 000)	42 000	6 000
Taxation—estimated	4 000	7 000	23 000
Profit (Loss) after tax—estimated	(R138 000)	R35 000	(R17 000)
Capital expenditure	R54 000	R244 000	R595 000
Dividends declared	—	Nil	Nil

(* Includes an amount of R91 000 received in respect of State Assistance for the quarter ended 31st March 1975.)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1975 is R450 000 (previously R585 000).
Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R9 000.

PRODUCTION
With the delays in the completion by the contractor of the conveyor system between the screening and crushing plant at the old Daggafontein No 2 shaft waste rock dump and the company's reduction plant, the designed rate of throughput of material from this source is only likely to be achieved in November. Consequently the forecast of tonnage for the year ending 31st December 1975 has been revised to that stated above.

RATIONALISATION OF SERVICES
As stated in the joint announcement by the company and The South African Land & Exploration Company Limited published in the Press on 19th September 1975 agreement has been reached for the rationalisation of mine management and certain services to the benefit of both companies. While both companies retain their separate identities the manager of S.A. Land has, in addition to his present responsibilities, assumed overall responsibility for this company.

For and on behalf of the board
W. R. LAWRIE }
D. A. ETHEREDGE } Directors

16th October 1975

ORANGE FREE STATE

FREE STATE GEDULD MINES LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 10 000 000 shares of 50 cents each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1976
(See Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
*Tons milled	600 000	528 000	2 344 000
Yield—g/t	15.42	16.82	16.68
Gold produced—kg	9 243	8 871	39 104
Revenue per ton milled	R61.88	R60.12	R61.35
Cost per ton milled	R46.14	R45.21	R45.98
Profit per ton milled		R45.91	R46.37
Revenue	R37 128 000	R35 778 000	R144 040 000
Cost	R9 413 000	R9 550 000	R35 117 000
Profit	R27 715 000	R25 818 000	R108 935 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R27 715 000	R25 818 000	R108 925 000
Net sundry revenue	820 000	1 531 000	3 941 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	28 535 000	27 349 000	112 866 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	17 746 000	16 388 000	71 284 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R10 789 000	R10 961 000	R41 582 000
Capital expenditure	R2 225 000	R3 379 000	R6 265 000
Dividends declared—amount	R16 000 000	—	R33 000 000
—per share	160 cents	—	330 cents
*Includes tonnage treated on a toll basis by Freddies Consolidated	32 000	26 000	91 000

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Shaft area Basal reef							
No. 1	2 301	281	23.1	61.17	0.30	1 719	8.39
No. 2	1 455	228	12.8	112.81	0.75	1 516	9.59
No. 3	102	20	25.0	32.34	0.68	775	16.20
No. 4	1 072	110	37.0	105.03	0.76	3 676	26.51
Quarter ended September 1975	5 930	642	23.7	79.41	0.51	1 882	12.14
Quarter ended June 1975	6 652	762	25.9	80.21	0.50	1 917	11.97
Year ended September 1975	21 981	2 440	25.0	84.13	0.47	1 935	10.84
Leader reef							
No. 4	205	76	217.9	3.08	0.08	672	16.46
Quarter ended September 1975	205	76	217.9	3.08	0.08	672	16.46
Quarter ended June 1975	220	52	212.3	7.56	0.31	1 690	66.20
Year ended September 1975	972	389	211.6	5.55	0.21	1 259	44.59
Basal Pyrite Stringers							
Quarter ended September 1975	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Quarter ended June 1975	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year ended September 1975	97	84	183.1	3.46	0.03	635	5.39
Area under tribute from Western Holdings Limited Basal reef							
Quarter ended September 1975	—	6	113.7	11.51	0.08	1 309	8.84
Quarter ended June 1975	73	20	55.2	25.51	0.11	1 408	5.85
Year ended September 1975	73	46	62.8	22.21	0.10	1 395	6.24

ORE RESERVES (See Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
30th June 1975	R3 100	6 564 000	124.9	21.21	2 649
	R3 500	7 026 000	125.4	20.16	2 528
	R4 000	7 183 000	125.3	19.79	2 479
30th June 1974	R3 000	7 341 000	121.5	21.98	2 671

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R4 322 000.

GOLD TREATMENT PLANT EXTENSIONS
The extensions to the company's gold treatment plant to improve its efficiency and increase its rated capacity from 180 000 to 215 000 tons a month have now been completed.

FREDDIES CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED
Attention is drawn to the report published in conjunction herewith on the operations of Freddies Consolidated, all the issued shares in which are held in equal proportions by this company and Western Holdings Limited.

URANIUM
(See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. B. HOFFE }
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

16th October 1975

FREE STATE SAAIPLAAS GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 28 100 000 shares of R1 each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1976
(See Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
GOLD			
Mine production—tons milled	311 000	301 000	1 084 000
Yield—g/t	4.51	4.38	4.41
Gold produced—kg	1 402	1 319	4 777
Revenue per ton milled	R16.73	R15.75	R16.76
Cost per ton milled	R14.45	R13.98	R13.89
Profit per ton milled	R2.28	R1.77	R2.87
Revenue	R5 205 000	R4 740 000	R18 165 000
Cost	R4 495 000	R4 208 000	R15 054 000
Profit	R710 000	R532 000	R3 109 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R710 000	R532 000	R3 109 000
Profit on sale of Uranium Oxide	26 000	—	26 000
Net sundry revenue	924 000	804 000	2 437 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	1 660 000	1 336 000	5 572 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	—	—	—
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R1 660 000	R1 336 000	R5 572 000
Capital expenditure	R2 909 000	R1 309 000	R6 992 000
Share issue expenses	—	—	R1 173 000
Dividends declared—amount	R1 686 000	—	R1 686 000
—per share	6 cents	—	6 cents
Tonnage treated for President Brand on a toll basis	135 200	126 600	515 800
Tonnage milled and treated for President Steyn on a toll basis	—	—	150 000

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Basal reef							
Quarter ended September 1975	1 397	342	103.4	10.05	0.28	1 038	28.63
Quarter ended June 1975	1 105	330	113.6	4.37	0.14	496	16.30
Year ended September 1975	4 599	1 058	105.3	7.94	0.23	836	24.71

ORE RESERVES (See Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
30th June 1975	R3 100	3 390 000	130.0	6.64	863
	R3 500	3 111 000	130.7	6.17	806
	R4 000	3 679 000	131.7	5.85	768
30th June 1974	R3 000	3 260 000	132.1	5.82	769

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R8 597 000.

EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS
Work on the new No. 3 shaft is proceeding satisfactorily. Construction of the headgear is almost completed. The sinking stage has been built and shaft sinking is expected to commence during the month of October 1975.

URANIUM
(See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. A. ETHEREDGE }
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

16th October 1975

FREDDIES CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED

Issued Capital: 1 000 shares of R2 each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1976
(See Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	212 500	195 000	778 000
Yield—g/t	5.69	5.35	5.36
Gold produced—kg	1 210	1 043	4 168
Revenue per ton milled	R22.32	R19.87	R21.93
Cost per ton milled	R19.76	R20.06	R19.15
Profit (loss) per ton milled	R2.56	(R0.19)	R2.78
Revenue	R4 743 000	R3 875 000	R17 064 000
Cost	R4 199 000	R3 913 000	R14 901 000
Profit (loss)	R544 000	(R38 000)	R2 163 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit (loss)—Gold	R544 000	(R38 000)	R2 163 000
Net sundry revenue	178 000	240 000	855 000
Profit before taxation	722 000	202 000	3 018 000
Taxation—estimated	—	—	—
Profit after tax—estimated	R722 000	R203 000	R3 018 000
Capital expenditure	R791 000	R777 000	R3 940 000
Dividends declared	nil	—	nil
Tonnage treated for Free State Geduld on a toll basis	32 000	26 000	91 000

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
***Basal reef**							
Quarter ended September 1975	1 926	260	31.9	26.99	0.47	861	14.98
Quarter ended June 1975	2 053	334	38.4	21.77	0.29	836	11.28
Year ended September 1975	7 889	1 088	36.4	26.15	0.35	952	12.89
Elsburg reef							
Quarter ended September 1975	239	40	145.4	4.04	0.25	588	36.50
Quarter ended June 1975	178	16	130.5	3.73	0.25	487	32.98
Year ended September 1975	801	350	119.9	3.50	0.19	420	22.94
Kimberley reef							
Quarter ended September 1975	2 306	438	204.6	4.16	0.06	852	8.22
Quarter ended June 1975	2 381	424	213.2	2.80	0.04	598	7.36
Year ended September 1975	9 665	1 586	210.8	4.65	0.04	981	8.09
***Leader reef**							
Quarter ended September 1975	85	74	177.0	4.91	0.19	869	33.18
Quarter ended June 1975	46	20	236.3	2.16	0.12	511	27.58
Year ended September 1975	148	98	189.6	4.20	0.17	796	31.87

(*Previously the Leader reef development statistics were included with the figures given for Basal reef development.)

ORE RESERVES (See Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
30th June 1975	R3 100	1 597 000	121.3	11.49	1 394
	R3 500	1 902 000	122.8	10.59	1 301
	R4 000	2 263 000	123.7	9.73	1 204
30th June 1974	R3 000	2 022 000	118.0	10.00	1 180

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R1 214 000.

FUTURE OPERATIONS
The planned build-up in tonnage from 59 000 tons per month to 88 000 tons per month, originally scheduled to be attained by October 1975, has been affected by the delay in commissioning additional hoisting facilities at No. 1 shaft. Mine production is now expected to reach 88 000 tons per month by June 1976.

URANIUM (See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. B. HOFFE }
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

16th October 1975

PRESIDENT BRAND GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 14 040 000 units of stock of 50 cents each

PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1976
(See Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
*Tons milled	768 000	725 000	2 889 000
Yield—g/t	14.01	13.66	[illegible]
Gold produced—kg	10 762	9 905	[illegible]
Revenue per ton milled	R55.96	R46.58	R50.[illegible]
Cost per ton milled	R17.68	R17.39	R16.[illegible]
Profit per ton milled	R38.28	R29.19	R33.[illegible]
Revenue	R42 982 000	R33 772 000	R146 614 000
Cost	R13 581 000	R12 606 000	R48 504 000
Profit	R29 401 000	R21 166 000	R98 110 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R29 401 000	R21 166 000	R98 110 000
Dividend received from Free State Saaiplaas	844 000	—	844 000
Net sundry revenue (expenditure)	(2 080 000)	1 184 000	*691 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	28 165 000	22 350 000	99 645 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	14 726 000	11 551 000	53 899 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R13 439 000	R10 799 000	R45 746 000
Capital expenditure	R2 764 000	R2 684 000	R9 056 000
Dividends declared—amount	R17 550 000	—	R35 100 000
—per unit of stock	125 cents	—	250 cents
†Includes tonnage treated on a toll basis by Free State Saaiplaas	135 200	126 600	515 800

COLSOLIDATED PROFIT

Consolidated profit after taxation and State's share of profit of the company and its subsidiary, Free State Saaiplaas Gold Mining Company Limited—after allowing for minority shareholders' interest	R11 460 000	R11 559 000	R37 1[illegible]

The attention of members is drawn to the report on the operations of Free State Saaiplaas published in conjunction herewith.

***TRIBUTE AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT STEYN**
This agreement, effective from 1st October 1973, was registered on 8th August 1975. Included in the net sundry revenue figure for the year ended 30th September 1975 is an adjusted amount of R3 096 000 paid in terms of this agreement for the overall period to date.

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Shaft area Basal reef							
No. 1	199	48	25.6	352.77	2.41	9 031	61.70
No. 2	5 318	290	37.7	37.67	0.27	1 420	10.36
No. 3	2 507	252	8.6	138.03	1.77	1 273	15.21
No. 4	3 695	270	76.4	31.98	0.11	2 443	8.04
Quarter ended September 1975	8 719	860	40.7	52.16	0.34	2 123	13.89
Quarter ended June 1975	8 813	1 356	45.7	46.00	0.32	2 102	14.68
Year ended September 1975	32 645	4 470	47.6	47.06	0.33	2 210	15.80
Leader reef No. 1	806	136	172.9	3.07	0.13	531	23.08
Quarter ended September 1975	806	136	172.9	3.07	0.13	541	23.08
Quarter ended June 1975	848	304	139.6	4.81	0.19	672	26.89
Year ended September 1975	2 716	751	142.2	4.40	0.18	626	25.16
Area under tribute from President Steyn G.M. Co. Ltd. Basal reef							
Quarter ended September 1975	330	30	17.1	135.61	1.56	2 319	26.67
Quarter ended June 1975	330	48	39.8	82.39	0.36	3 279	14.28
Year ended September 1975	1 616	272	32.4	72.69	0.53	2 355	17.25

ORE RESERVES (See Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
30th June 1975	R3 100	8 130 000	145.7	15.31	2 23[illegible]
	R3 500	8 440 000	146.1	14.97	2 1[illegible]
	R4 000	8 765 000	146.1	14.58	2 1[illegible]
30th June 1974	R3 000	8 506 000	146.8	15.64	2 2[illegible]

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R7 591 000.

EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS AT FREE STATE SAAIPLAAS GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED
Work on the new No. 3 shaft is proceeding satisfactorily. Construction of the headgear is almost completed. The sinking stage has been built and shaft sinking is expected to commence during the month of October 1975.

URANIUM (See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. A. ETHEREDGE }
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

16th October 1975

PRESIDENT STEYN GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED

Issued Capital: 14 000 000 shares of 50 cents each

PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1976
(See Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
OPERATING RESULTS			
†Tons milled	654 000	675 000	2 636 000
Yield—g/t	10.98	10.52	10.89
Gold produced—kg	7 180	7 103	28 708
Revenue per ton milled	R43.49	R36.80	R39.90
Cost per ton milled	R20.67	R18.49	R18.37
Profit per ton milled	R22.82	R18.31	R21.35
Revenue	R28 443 000	R24 839 000	R105 174 000
Cost	R13 516 000	R12 479 000	R48 938 000
Profit	R14 927 000	R12 360 000	R56 236 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R14 927 000	R12 360 000	R56 236 000
Net sundry revenue	3 447 000	1 077 000	*5 807 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	18 374 000	13 437 000	62 043 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	6 285 000	3 611 000	23 690 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R12 089 000	R9 826 000	R38 353 000
Capital expenditure	R7 733 000	R6 197 000	R19 599 000
Dividends declared—amount	R9 100 000	—	R17 500 000
—per share	65 cents	—	125 cents
†Includes tonnage milled and treated on a toll basis by Free State Saaiplaas	—	—	150 000

***TRIBUTE AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT BRAND**
This agreement, effective from 1st October 1973, was registered on 8th August 1975. Included in the net sundry revenue figure for the year ended 30th September 1975 is an adjusted amount of R3 096 000 received in terms of this agreement for the overall period to date.

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Shaft area Basal reef							
No. 1	1 934	301	13.1	145.19	2.50	1 900	32.71
No. 2	1 799	151	33.7	39.14	0.87	1 319	29.31
No. 4	4 111	810	40.2	36.92	0.11	1 484	4.20
Quarter ended September 1975	7 844	1 268	33.1	47.16	0.42	1 561	13.87
Quarter ended June 1975	7 843	1 066	34.5	55.28	0.48	1 907	16.56
Year ended September 1975	32 614	4 772	34.9	50.89	0.51	1 776	17.88
Leader reef							
No. 2	251	166	136.1	5.00	0.28	680	38.30
No. 4	—	36	82.3	3.62	0.19	298	15.40
Quarter ended September 1975	251	202	126.5	4.84	0.27	612	34.22
Quarter ended June 1975	179	96	160.0	2.31	0.17	369	36.60
Year ended September 1975	500	323	134.7	4.07	0.23	548	31.06
Area under tribute to and developed by President Brand G.M. Co. Ltd. Basal reef							
Quarter ended September 1975	330	30	17.1	135.61	1.56	2 319	26.67
Quarter ended June 1975	380	48	39.8	82.39	0.36	3 279	14.28
Year ended September 1975	1 616	272	32.4	72.69	0.53	2 356	17.26

ORE RESERVES (See Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
30th June 1975	R3 100	9 049 000	118.8	13.15	1 562
	R3 500	9 973 000	122.3	12.48	1 526
	R4 000	10 888 000	124.1	11.85	1 470
30th June 1974	R3 000	9 718 000	124.8	12.17	1 519

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 totalled R14 747 000.

UNDERGROUND FIRE AT NO. 4 SHAFT
An announcement was published in the press on 10th September 1975 regarding the fire which broke out on 22nd August 1975. The fire has been completely sealed off above the 63 level. It is now necessary to allow the fire to burn out before access to areas above the 63 level can be effected; in the interim, production at this shaft is limited to the areas below 63 level. It is still anticipated that the full production rate will be reached in the month of December 1975.

NO. 4 SUB-VERTICAL SHAFT SYSTEM
Preparatory work for the commencement of sinking operations is progressing satisfactorily.

URANIUM (See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. A. ETHEREDGE }
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

16th October 1975

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The Benson Bank is still alive

the City was deliberately try- g to confuse the public it uld scarcely have done a tter job than it did with sterday's announcement of a rking party to explore new ys of channelling equity capi- into industry. The desire to oak internal politics White- ll or Westminster-style is most unbelievable.

For on the face of it all the blic now sees is yet another iative to consider the prob- n of finance for industry over d above the many initiatives eady launched. What could ve been simpler yesterday an to say that the representa- e bodies of the major invest- institutions had decided to up a working party to see t how desirable the ideas eatly put forward by Sir ary Benson really were and t how they might be made work?

That said, the establishment a working party represents major step forward.

First, it places some kind of nescale on the debate—two nths—and this can only be unted as highly desirable as steadily move towards the mal incorporation of the tional Enterprise Board.

Second, the working party ngs to the conference table pension funds, the one e major sector of the invest- community that so far pears to have been happier oting arrows at the whole ncept.

Not that the talking is likely be anything but tough. Quite art from the fact that some ubt the mechanical feasibi- of concerned institutional lon, there are also those who e yet to be convinced that concept itself is desirable. essence, they do not believe it it can be in the interests their shareholders, policy- ders, pensioners etc, to spend e and effort, and probably ney too, at the end of the , in setting up new institu- ns which they feel are de- ned to deal primarily with symptoms of the country's nomic ills, not its causes.

What, some would add, could a better way of suggesting t the root of the country's lie in the inadequacy of the ital market rather than the nomic policies adopted by ernment?

here do, however, appear to a growing number of people he investing community who that there *is a specific* p" to be filled. That *gap is* case of the viable company good long-term prospects temporarily facing problems make it difficult, if not ossible, for it to raise new ity capital under the exist- market mechanism. In t, the Fodens of this world. ssuming that this is indeed gap that is to be identified, question then centres on way in which such a com- y is to be financed. What learly not in the mind of the ority of institutions is that terms should be anything than commercial. In other ds, tailor-made packages d well be the main feature, ibly with preferred equity ents or something akin to tart mortgages.

suming that the issue of nercial approach to a tion can also be satisfac- / agreed on, there is, of se, the question of whether an institution is needed that the worst of the cor- e liquidity crisis is over the stock market has ed.

he fear that "official" ess to pursue a new insti- at this stage is, in fact, ore than a precautionary to have a new City life- eady to de-gear industrial nies trapped in the next onary upturn. None the he concept still looks to orth pursuing seriously: ty probably has more to y doing nothing.



Sir Mark Turner, chairman of British Home Stores: hoping *for better margins.*

It would, however, be over-optimistic to assume that satisfactory correction of the margins problem means better prices henceforth, for competition is a considerable curb.

Net profit margins, down from 9.3 per cent to 7.7 per cent in the first half, should show some recovery in the second on the Christmas throughput. Depreciation, up from £1.16m to £1.51m during the first half, will continue to rise; but with the group still financing most of its capital spending out of cash flow, net interest receipts should have stabilized after a fall from £419,000 to £65,000 in the figures just reported which reflected the first payment of interest in the period on the Euroloan.

The implication is that profits for the year are going to work out at something around £21m as against £18.6m, even though a March year-end means the figures will reflect what could be a bleak post-Christmas quarter. Such a performance justifies a premium rating; but with the shares yielding a derisory 3.4 per cent prospective there cannot, until the outlook improves, be very much to go for.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization (£154.3m
Sales £84.8m (£63.0m)
Pre-tax profits £6.57m (£5.86m)
Dividend gross 6.17p (5.12p)

CMT/LCP

Ending the argument

After LCP's defence document, Central Manufacturing & Trading may as well retire gracefully by letting its 51p a share offer lapse next Monday. Quite apart from anything else the LCP price is now some 6p above the value of the offer.

CMT's bid looked a dead duck from the moment LCP called off the idea of a cosy merger because CMT wouldn't come up with acceptable terms—broadly 50 per cent of the equity in a combined group instead of the 45.5 per cent which CMT is offering on full conversion of its loan stock.

LCP has now spelt out why it doesn't like CMT's terms, claiming that the offer does not recognize the value of LCP's properties, including, of course, the Pensnett Trading Estate, or the secure investment income which they are yielding. CMT's convertible, which represents some two thirds of the bid package, comes under attack on the grounds that it would represent a disproportionate debt burden for the combined group.

But LCP's knock-out blow, if such was needed, is a 36 per cent increase in the dividend for 1975-76 to 6p a share, and it can do this of course under Treasury rules when faced with a bid which allow such increases as part of a bid defence. That leaves LCP shares at 57p, yielding 10½ per cent—a perfectly good prop under the price of a company which is apparently going reasonably well this year and confident that it can still produce adequate cover—perhaps 1½ times, against 1.8 last year, for its higher dividend.

British Home Stores

Increasing volume

Any fears that British Home Stores would not be able to keep up the 35 per cent rate of sales growth achieved in the second half of last year have been dispelled by results for the 24 weeks to mid-September and by a cheerful comment on trading since. But these were not enough to save the shares from weakness on the discovery that profits, a mere 12.1 per cent ahead pre-tax, have by no means kept pace with the 34.6 per cent rise in turnover.

Of itself that reaction may be overdone, for BHS has been holding prices in order to correct last year's £1.3m overrun on profits under the margins control legislation. Thus price increases have been worth less than half of the turnover rise, with five points of the gain coming from additions to selling space and some 14 points from a straight increase in volume throughput in the existing stores.

It would, however, be over-optimistic to assume that satisfactory correction of the margins problem means better prices henceforth, for competition is a considerable curb.

Net profit margins, down from 9.3 per cent to 7.7 per cent in the first half, should show some recovery in the second on the Christmas throughput. Depreciation, up from £1.16m to £1.51m during the first half, will continue to rise; but with the group still financing most of its capital spending out of cash flow, net interest receipts should have stabilized after a fall from £419,000 to £65,000 in the figures just reported which reflected the first payment of interest in the period on the Euroloan.

The implication is that profits for the year are going to work out at something around £21m as against £18.6m, even though a March year-end means the figures will reflect what could be a bleak post-Christmas quarter. Such a performance justifies a premium rating; but with the shares yielding a derisory 3.4 per cent prospective there cannot, until the outlook improves, be very much to go for.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization (£154.3m
Sales £84.8m (£63.0m)
Pre-tax profits £6.57m (£5.86m)
Dividend gross 6.17p (5.12p)

Wilmot Breeden

Drastic measures

Talk at the half-year stage from Wilmot Breeden is of "massive cost reductions" in factories supplying the United Kingdom motor industry. Floor space is to be reduced by 400,000 sq ft between now and next September which, added to existing closures, will bring the overall reduction to some 40 per cent.

The workforce, down from 4,000 to 3,180 last year, is down again to 2,800 and further reductions can be expected.

The benefits of such radical action look to be strictly for the longer term, however. Not counting last year's £600,000 of reorganization provisions — which happily look sufficient at this stage—the United Kingdom motor component operations only broke even in the first half.

And while there may be some restocking to benefit the second half, recovery seems likely to have to await a general revival of car production. Next year, moreover, the reorganization will involve the group in a much bigger capital spending programme which is bound to prove a further drag upon profitability.

With the mainstream of Wilmot's business looking so dismal, any further revival in profit will thus continue to depend upon the non-motor and the foreign interests. Fortunately the French motor industry has turned out to be the most resilient of all in Europe, Australia has held steady, as have the petrochemical and aerospace businesses, hydraulics have improved and electronics, which lost £494,000 last year, are back to break even.

There is not much momentum anywhere to speak of, however. A repeat of first-half profits in the second half seems likely, but while £2m looks fine in comparison to 1974's £1.4m (£800,000, including the reorganization costs), it measures against £4.2m in both 1973 and 1972.

The shares at 28p, selling prospectively at over seven times earnings and yielding 8 per cent on an unchanged net dividend, still look unattractive except perhaps in the very long term.

Interim 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £5.81m
Sales £32.8m (£27.7m)
Pre-tax profits £0.99m (£0.79m)
Dividend gross 1p (0.97p)

Allaying Ulster fears of an economic boycott

Harland and Wolff has just launched, with all the time-honoured ceremonial, a new *ship from its Belfast yard. The* customary bottle of champagne was cracked against the bows by the traditionally attractive lady, who invoked the prescribed blessing on the vessel and all who might sail in her.

There were the usual hearty cheers as 119,000 tons of bulk carrier made the predictable splash from the slipway and the sun obligingly shone.

The whole affair would, in fact, be delightful to report were it not for one nastily obtrusive fact: as the new ship entered the water, another £1m in hard cash was also draining out of Northern Ireland into the murky waters of Belfast Lough.

This is the estimated sum that Harland and Wolff has lost on building the Essi Camilla for her new Norwegian owners. It was built under a fixed-price contract which in the event ran a full six months behind schedule, but would in any case have been a loss-maker even if it had been completed on time.

Such is the sorry state of what is reputedly Britain's best equipped shipyard, into which the Government has pumped some £140m in grants or loans over rather less than a decade, that not a single ship out of a total order book for vessels worth some £270m will show a profit. In fact, the total loss will, it is reported, be about £60m and, allowing for inflation, probably a good deal more.

It so happened that the day *of the launch Sir Ralph Bate*man, president of the Confederation of British Industry, was in Belfast to speak at a lunch given by the local CBI. He took the opportunity to deny strongly suggestions that British industry is engaged in an "economic withdrawal" from Northern Ireland.

British companies, he said, had been leaning over backwards not to take any action that would worsen the existing difficulties of the province. Closure decisions in Ulster were, he insisted, made like those in any other region of the United Kingdom on "purely economic grounds".

It is a statement which a lot of people in Northern Ireland do not accept—not, it should be said, because they think that Sir Ralph was being untruthful, but because they are becoming convinced that events are moving well beyond his control, or that of the CBI or indeed most of Northern Ireland-based industry itself.

To Ulster minds the latest crisis at the shipyard and the sort of suggestions that Sir Ralph was careful to refute are firmly connected and are, like everything else in the province, judged to have a deeper and deadlier significance in political and sectarian terms.

A couple of weeks ago Mr Stanley Orme, the Minister of State with responsibility for industrial and economic affairs in Ulster, issued his clear warning that Harland and Wolff and its 10,000 workers must either get themselves into more productive shape by the end of the year or take the consequences of a complete shutdown. Since then the shipyard has become the focal point of the much broader argument being mounted in many quarters to the effect that Britain is starting to impose an "economic boycott" on Northern Ireland which could well be the prelude to a physical withdrawal.

A lot of the "mud" of this particular line of attack is beginning to stick—and this in spite of the fact that economic aid from Westminster to the Six Counties is running at more than £400m a year and that without this sort of support the economy would have long since collapsed.

Nevertheless, Mr Sandy Scott, vice-chairman of the Northern Ireland Labour Party, this week accused the British Labour Government of "pursuing a policy of active discrimination against all the major sectors of Northern Ireland industry".

The economic, industrial and unemployment situation in Northern Ireland, against which such statements are being judged, is bad and likely to get worse—probably much worse—before there can be any hope of improvement.

To deal with Harland and Wolff first. The facts which have led to Mr Orme's tough ultimatum are as follows.

Over the past three years the yard has shown a trading loss of nearly £33m and it is losing half a million pounds a week. A £35m modernization programme which was intended to improve productivity has, in fact, been accompanied by a 20 per cent drop in productivity.

Harland and Wolff is geared to a sector of shipbuilding—bulk carriers and tankers—in which there is world overcapacity and with a book full of loss-making orders it is hardly likely to pick up any fresh profitable ones on the strength of its present performance.

Mr Orme has said that the £60m of government money set aside to cover the yard's forecast losses up to the end of 1978 will at the present rate run out in about 18 months' time.

These are the harsh economic facts of life which are now being widely interpreted in Ulster as having a political motivation—to the extent that some union leaders and shop stewards are saying that they will refuse to cooperate in a management restructuring that includes a large measure of worker participation unless the British Government undertakes to include Harland and Wolff fully in the overall plans for nationalization of the shipbuilding industry, from which it is at present excluded.

Unemployment in Ulster is running at 10.6 per cent, compared with just over 6 per cent a year ago. There are some areas, like Strabane, with more than 30 per cent jobless.

These are appalling figures, but it seems fair to point out that the total unemployment percentage for the Six Counties is no worse than that for Merseyside.

Earlier this week Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, announced fresh plans, costing nearly £7m, to help reduce the rate of increase in unemployment. They amount to a modest extension of the Chancellor's recently announced measures for the rest of the United Kingdom.

It was unfortunate, however, that the announcement came on the same day that Standard Telephones and Cables released the news that redundancies in its Northern Ireland plants are now expected to total 1,200.

Tomorrow Mr Orme will chair a meeting of employers, trade union representatives, farmers and economic experts at Stormont Castle. He is likely to try yet again to stem the mounting tide of criticism that the province is being deliberately subjected to economic sanction.

It will be no easy task, because Northern Ireland is full of people who are either fearful that this may be so, ready to believe that it is so, would like to think it is so or are willing to use whatever ammunition they can lay their hands on to try to prove that it is so.

R. W. Shakespeare

US cattle farming

Two figures were incorrectly printed on Monday in the article on the cattle industry of Amarillo. It should have been stated that cattle are fattened to about 1,150 pounds and feedlots can make a profit of up to $100 or more for each cow.

A simple remedy for the Sandilands fallacy

To write a seriously erroneous definition of "profit" into the basic system of commercial accounting in Britain for a generation or more would manifestly be wrong. For, sound measurements of profit are necessary for the purposes of corporate taxation, of price control and, above all, of general information and of all that is built upon that information, whether it be analyses of income distribution in society or investment decisions based on assessments of profitability.

Certain calculations recently undertaken by Messrs Phillips and Drew show just how substantial is the margin between the supporters and detractors of the Sandilands Report. The results of more than 100 large companies last year and this year have been expressed according to three different accounting systems, namely conventional historic cost (HC) accounting, Sandilands (CC) accounting and the further "current purchasing power" modification (CC-CPP) favoured by Mr Martin Gibbs of Phillips and Drew in his article in *The Times* of September 18.

If conventionally measured profits for the selected group of companies are called 100, then according to Phillips and Drew's estimates Sandilands profits were 40 in the first year and 40 again in the second year, while CC-CPP profits were 85 in the first year and 105 in the second year. Phillips and Drew have not so far been able to re-express the results on the basis of the further modified system proposed by Mr Wynne Godley and Mr Francis Cripps in *The Times* on October 1.

But informed guesswork puts "Godley-Cripps" profits for the same companies at a little over 90 in the first year and at about 100 in the second year. It should be remembered that these numbers are averages for all the selected companies; and it does not follow that for any individual company the various new bases of accounting would produce results in the same ratio to the conventional basis.

If, therefore, Mr Gibbs and/or Messrs Godley and Cripps are right in their criticisms, which are closely similar, of *Sandilands "CC"* accounting, then it is clearly important not to adopt Sandilands as a new general basis of accounting. A systematic tendency to understate profits by 50 per cent or more would obviously make nonsense of everything that depends on profit measurement.

There may be—indeed, in my opinion there are—sufficiently powerful theoretical and practical reasons for abolishing corporation tax and for abandoning price control. But it would be an absurd as well as an imperfect way of achieving such abolition to adopt a wholly misleading system of accounting which happened to have the side effect of grossly understating profits.

Opinions may differ whether or not it is desirable that capital's hand should be strengthened against socialist governments by concealing even such profitability as still remains to industry. But it needs to be remembered that business confidence and investor confidence are important ingredients of a healthy private enterprise economy. Massive understatement of profits could impair that confidence and thus backfire upon anyone who saw such a manoeuvre as a way of bringing pressure on government to bear down less heavily on industry.

So it does matter that profits should be properly and accurately measured. It is the clear duty of the accountants, whose professional bodies are due to give their comments on Sandilands to the Government by the end of this month, and then of the Government to face up

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squarely to the formidable criticisms of CC accounting which have now been mounted by Mr Gibbs and by Messers Godley and Cripps.

My own way of expressing the basic criticism which they both make—and which, working quite independently, Professor Charles Kennedy of Kent University has also set out in an outstandingly lucid (but as yet unpublished) paper—is that Sandilands's methods involve double-counting a part of the very proper provision for preserving the real value of a company before the profit balance is struck. This leads to systematic understatement of profit, in conditions of inflation, for any company whose investment is financed as to anything less than 100 per cent by shareholders' equity—ie, for any company with a gearing ratio of more than zero.

"Sandilands" profit is struck after deducting the full amount of interest payments and in such a way as to exclude both stock appreciation and fixed asset appreciation (the last two gains being relegated to the class of "holding gains" excluded from "profit"). Yet, of course, interest in an age of inflation should include, in addition to the normal "real" rate of interest, an amount which the lender thinks will compensate him for the reduced purchasing power of his loan when it is repaid. This amount is thus really a capital transfer and, therefore, not properly included in the profit and loss account which is conceived by Sandilands as a strictly current account balance.

If that element is treated as a charge against profits, then provision has already been made thereby for reconstituting the real value of the assets due to a company's creditors. It follows in those circumstances that something less than the whole of the appreciation in the value of the company's assets (both fixed and stocks) is needed in order to reconstitute to their original real value the assets due to the company's shareholders. The proportion of such asset appreciation which, if full interest is allowed against profit, should be allowed to be outside the profit balance is given by the ratio of shareholders' equity to the total assets of the company.

This, indeed, is the basis of Messrs Godley and Cripps's proposal for bringing what they call "the geared capital gain" into "profit". Professor Kennedy makes the same proposal. Alternatively, but following the same logic and with much the same effect, one might simply disallow from the profit balance that part of interest payments which represents the difference between nominal and real rates of interest on the grounds stated above, namely that it is a capital transfer.

For simplicity that disallowance might be defined as the rate of interest paid less the rate of inflation over the previous 12 months. Allowed interest in the profit and loss account will be negative, as it should be, when, as at present, the inflation rate is higher than the rate of interest.

The disallowed interest, which is equal to the rate of inflation applied to the amount of all loans to a company, would then be shown as a debit item in the "holding gains" section of the accounts, below the line at which "profit" is struck. So there are three possibilities:

1. Mr Gibbs's proposal to apply CPP to the CC opening balance sheet and to show part of the extra gain which this reveals as a "gain from the reduction in the value of a company's net monetary liabilities" and to include that part in profit;

2. Messrs Godley and Cripps's and Professor Kennedy's proposal to include the "geared capital gain" in profit; or

3. my proposal to disallow the inflation-element in interest rates from the profit and loss account.

All achieve the same basic and essential corrective to crude CC accounting. My proposal will produce the same numbers exactly as Mr Gibbs's proposal if inflation is measured by the retail price index and will produce the Godley-Cripps-Kennedy numbers if inflation is measured by the change in the price of the company's capital inputs.

The accountants' professional bodies and the Government should now decide which approach would be the most practical. They may conclude that it is more natural—and would so seem to the accounting profession—to take a concealed capital transfer out of the "CC-style" profit and loss account than to introduce a seemingly artificial capital gain into it.

Legal & General

Interim Results-1975

The following are the estimated and unaudited results of the Legal and General Group for the six months ended 30 June 1975.

	First 6 months 1975	Year 1974
	£m	£m
Group Premium Income		
Short-term premiums written	43.5	66.2
Long-term new yearly premiums		
Pensions	24.1	41.4
Individual Life	8.7	14.2
	32.8	55.6
Profit & Loss Account		
Long-term profits after taxation	3.2	6.2
Underwriting profit (loss) on short-term business	(2.0)	(2.5)
Investment and other income	4.3	7.9
	5.5	11.6
Expenses and taxation	0.8	2.1
Group operating profit before minority interests	4.7	9.5
Earnings per share (based on the group operating profit)	3.9p	7.92p

INTERIM DIVIDEND—An interim dividend of 1.7p per share (1974: 1.6p) has been declared, payable on 2 January 1976, on the share capital as increased by the recent rights issue. U.K. resident shareholders will be entitled to an associated tax credit of 0.915p per share.

Copies of the full Interim Report will be sent to shareholders and further copies are available from the Secretary, John Neill, at Temple Court, 11 Queen Victoria St, London EC4N 4TP.

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Business Diary: Provident Profumos • Stemming the flood

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Nannini found himself ch the man in the t the London end of Nigerian cement mix-



John Profumo: into the City.

up. Nannini is the Nigerian government's London shipbroker and as such it was he who caught a lot of the flak as angry shipowners and charterers sought to know why cement-laden vessels were piling up in the harbour at Lagos-Apapa.

He suggested that the Nigerians wrote to the Baltic Exchange, which handles most of the world's dry cargo chartering, pointing out the inadvisability of sending further ships.

After discussions with one of his principal West African clients, Chief Folawiyo, owner of Nigerian Green Lines, the Nigerians were recommended to send over a deputation to see Baltic chairman Frank Fehr and his board.

Nannini took the Nigerians' business with him when he set up his own company last May after a spell as managing director of Common Brothers (London).

The cement ordering that all the fuss is about was not done through Nannini, he says, but unilaterally through the Ministry of Defence under the previous Gowon régime. It was thus that Lagos-Apapa, which can handle about two million tons of cement a year, found itself facing a deluge of about *10 times that amount.*

Of this, the ministry ordered about 16 million tons CIF (cost, insurance and freight) via irrevocable letters of credit. This means that the supplier arranges transport to the port of unloading and can claim payment for any hold-up when the cement gets there.

Nannini favours FOB (fee on board), where the supplier merely delivers to the ship, whereupon the Nigerian government or its agents take over.

His Nigerian connexion came about via Romania. While a director of Furness Withy Chartering about six years ago Nannini did a lot of business with the Romanians, from *whom the Nigerians were even* then buying cement. He thereby came across Yinka Folawiyo, who put his Green Lines business Nannini's way, whereupon the Nigerian government business followed later.

Nannini says that he and the chief cancelled two Green Line ship-loads of cement in August within two days of the government edict discouraging further deliveries. The owners promptly fixed the ships elsewhere, and they and their cement are now reported to be waiting out in the harbour at Lagos-Apapa waiting for their turn to unload as the Ministry of Transport struggles to cut through the congestion.

Cayenne pep-up

After nearly half a century the French are once again sending people to Cayenne, the former penal colony in French Guyana. This time, however, it is no longer necessary to murder somebody: it is merely a question of satisfying one of Olivier Stirn's civil servants that you have got what it takes.

And, according to Stirn, the minister for France's overseas territories, it takes a reasonable basic education, several years' experience of forestry, farming or some other relevant trade and preferably some money to invest.

French Guyana is about the size of Portugal and most of it is covered in forest. On French estimates exploitation of only a fifth of this would supply the mother country's wood pulp needs.

There are now about 30,000 permanent residents there and the French have about as many again interested in making the break with France.

Applications have been encouraged by the announcement that the Prime Minister, Jacques Chirac, is to visit Guyana at the end of the year.

So far, the country is best known for an expensive white elephant, the rocket launching site at Kourou. This is why Stirn is anxious to disabuse applicants of the impression that lumps of the country are being offered to anybody who cares to ask.

Swiss surprise

Surprizingly for a people who usually move only after full deliberation, the Swiss have gone into reverse on reversed charge calls, which, as Business Diary reported, their post office summarily abolished on October 1.

After vigorous protests they temporized and agreed a few days later to restore the facility until midnight on October 9 but they have now announced that because of "certain inadequacies and unforeseen difficulties in the flow of traffic," they have decided to continue to accept collect calls ("PCV—*Payable Chez Vous*—in French, "*R Gespräch*"—*Rück Gespräch*—in German) with France, Italy, Britain and Spain.

In doing so, the Swiss PTT said, it was "responding to the wishes expressed by the press, business and tourism".

Reversed charge calls with most other European countries were abolished earlier this year—hard luck on the many people who find that during peak hours direct dialling exists in theory rather than practice.

In this respect, Telex is still fairly free of traffic jams, but, as the number of subscribers increases, it is showing symptoms of the same deterioration.

How long before the introduction of an automatic blabbing eliminator?

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Anglo American mines get high gold price but not Union Corp

At first sight it would appear that the trend to lower gold profits established in the *quarterly reports from* South African mines was surmounted by the mines in the Anglo American Corporation stable.

However, the bare working profit from gold is deceptive. It masks the price received from the sale of gold which in most cases was far higher than the average already established. Anglo's 11 mines received an average price of $162 an ounce compared, for example, with an average of $152 an ounce won by the seven mines in the Union Corporation Group, which was about par for the *course*.

The quarterly figures will no doubt even themselves out over the year (Anglo was a bit below the average last quarter), but if the figure achieved by Union Corporation had been followed by Anglo, most of the mines would have fared worse than

Mining

the previous quarter.

President Brand, however, did exceptionally well and would have exceeded the previous quarter's profit even on a lower gold price. At a price of $173.9, it boosted profits by more than R8m to R29.4m after increasing the milling rate and grade. At 768,000 tons, the milling rate is now at about the maximum projected level.

President Steyn, which also got a high gold price at $172, saw costs rise substantially on a reduced milling rate. Only the gold price enabled it to *beat the previous quarter's* R12.4m working profit by R2.5m.

On a slightly higher tonnage, **Free State Geduld** cut costs put pushed working profit up by less than R2m to R27.7m. Working profits at **Western Holdings** were R27.8m (as against R26.8m), R710,000 (R532,000) at Free State Saaiplaas, and *R29.9m (R27.1m)* at **Western Deep Levels**. On a gold price of $151.8 an ounce Vaal Reefs boosted working profits by nearly R4m to R27.4m.

In the Union Corporation stable every mine reported lower gold working profits. Five of the mines increased their milling rates while two held the level of the previous quarter. The drop in profits is a reflection of rising costs and a decline in the average gold price from $165.8 an ounce in the June quarter to $152.

St Helena made a working profit from gold of R15.1m (R16.4m). **Winkelhaak** made R7.78m (R8.25m) and **Kinross** achieved R5.39m (R5.91m). *Working profits dipped to* R1.02m (R1.48m) at **Marievale**, to R4.26m (R4.35m) at **Bracken**, R1.39m (R1.8m) at **Leslie** and R897,000 (R1.22m) at **Grootvlei**.

Overseas

AKZO dividend doldrums

AKZO, the Dutch-based multinational chemical concern, will not pay an interim dividend for the half year to June 30. Further, the board gives warning that a final dividend is seriously threatened. A decision on the payment will be made next year. Last year the group's total payment was 4fl including 1.20fl at the interim stage.

In the first six months of the year the group reported net attributable losses of 107m florins (about £19m) of which 48mfl arose in the second quarter. *The main trouble-spot* is the group's European fibre division, Enka Glanzstoff.

Montagu's Arab stake

Samuel Montagu and Co has taken a 10 per cent holding in a new investment bank, the Arab Trust Co, which has been formed in Kuwait. Activities *will include investment management*, international finance, bullion and foreign exchange dealing.

Other shareholders include Chase International Inv (10 per cent) and Kuwaiti interests.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	11%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7½%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar yesterday reversed Tuesday's very firm trend on the foreign exchanges. It *did this* partly in response to a view that the upturn the previous day had been overdone, and also on interest rate differential considerations.

Sterling, firm for much of the day, staged a late *retreat*, and the trade-weighted depreciation against major currencies finally widened to 29.5 per cent from 29.4 overnight.

With the notable exceptions of the US and Canadian dollars, where the latter's weakness reflected that Government's restrictions on capital, the pound finished lower against virtually all leading currencies. After falling to $2.0440 early, sterling rallied, to close 85 points up against the US currency at $2.0555.

Gold rose $1.50 an ounce to $142.50.

Discount market

Day-to-day credit proved to be rather more plentiful than expected, and the Bank of England was finally required to assist the market only on a small scale yesterday. This official help was effected through purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses.

Once again, a major factor working against the market was the need for settlement of the large *official sales of Government stock*.

In addition, the market faced a net take-up of Treasury bills. There was also an excess of revenue transfers to the Exchequer over Government disbursements, and maturing local authority bills in the hands of the authorities.

The market opened a little nervously at 11 or 11½ per cent for secured loans. *Conditions* later became rather patchy, and final balances were usually picked up 10¾ to 10½ per cent.

Mixed results from US banks

September-quarter *results* from a batch of leading United States banks show a mixed trend. One of the largest, **Chase Manhattan**, however, reports earnings more than halved to $20.8m after securities deals and loan provisions of $96m ($23m). Actual net loan losses for the nine months so far were $209.4m, against *only $41.2m in 1974 period: Provisions* therefor increased from $64m to $209.7m.

Continental Illinois's earnings after securities transactions were up 12.3 per cent to $25.9m, bringing the first nine months' improvement to 23.4 per cent. **First Chicago's** quarterly earnings shed 12 per cent to $23.1m.

Manufacturers Hanover saw its result slip from $30.7m to $29.4m, reflecting losses on securities sales, while **First National Boston** profits fell from $15.9m to $8.4m.

Eurobonds prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981 ..	100¼	101¼
Alricase 8¼ 1988 ..	81	84
Ashland 8 1987 ..	87½	88½
BICC 7¾ 1987 ..	66	69
Bristol 8½ 1979 ..	89	91
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 ..	80	83
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	87½	88½
Carrier 8 1987 ..	87½	88½
Chevron 7 1980 ..	95	95½
Conoco 7 1980 ..	96	97½
Conoco 8 1986 ..	93½	94½
Cons Food 7½ 1991 ..	81½	82½
Coventry 8½ 1981 ..	90	92
Coventry 8½ 1980 ..	86	88
Curacao Tokyo 8½ 1988	87	88
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101½	102½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	89½	90½
Dana 8 1987 ..	87½	88½
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990 ..	80½	81½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991 ..	79	80
Dundee 9½ 1983 ..	90	92
Escom 9¼ 1989 ..	89	91
Escom Floating Rate 1982 ..	98	99
First Chicago 7 1980 ..	93½	94½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984 ..	81	84
GATX 8¼ 1987 ..	83½	84½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	69	72
Hambros 7½ 1987 ..	73	76
ICI 7½ 1992 ..	77	80
International Utll 8¼ 1982 ..	92½	93½
Legal & Gen Ass 7½ 1988 ..	67	70
Manchester 8½ 1981 ..	86	88
Mexico 8½ 1991 ..	79	82
Michelin 7½ 1988 ..	81	82
Mitsubishi 9 1989 ..	95	97
Motorola 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Nat & Grindlays 7½ 1987	70	73
National Coal Board 8½ 1988 ..	80	83
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 ..	101	102
N. A. Rockwell 8¼ 1987	86	87
Occidental 7½ 1984 ..	83½	85½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	87½	88½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	101½	102½
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	87½	88½
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	88½	89½
Scanraff 7½ 1990 ..	85½	86½
Scanraff 8½ 1988 ..	93½	94½
Shell 7½ 1987 ..	90	91
Singer 11 1977 ..	102	103
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102½	103½
Slough 8 1988 ..	59	63
South Africa 8 1987 ..	80	82
Standard Oil 8½ 1980 ..	100	101
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	96	97
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	96½	97½
Sybron 8 1987 ..	87½	88½
Tenneco 7½ 1987 ..	83½	84½
Textron 7¾ 1987 ..	83	84
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987 ..	89½	90½
Transocean Gulf 7 1980 ..	95	96½
Union Oil 7½ 1987 ..	89½	90½
Venezuela 8½ 1987 ..	95	97
Volvo 8 1987 ..	97½	98½
Wm Glyns 8½ 1987 ..	73	76
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981 ..	105	106
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968-83 ..	76½	77½
Courtaulds (DM) 6½ 1969-84 ..	86½	87½
Denmark (DM) 7½ 1981	99½	100½
Escom (DM) 7 1973-88	72	75
Goodyear (DM) 6½ 1972-87 ..	82	83
ICI (DM) 8 1971-86 ..	90½	91½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9½ 1980 ..	104½	105½
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	90½	91½
New Zealand (DM) 9½ 1982 ..	104½	105½
Sudafrica (DM) 8½ 1970-85 ..	92½	93½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988 ..	90½	91½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987 ..	60	62
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	86	88
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	101	103
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	95	97
Borden 5 1992 ..	86	88
Borden 6¼ 1991 ..	100	102
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987 ..	69	71
Carnation 4 1988 ..	86	88
Chevron 5 1992 ..	100	102
Cummins 6¼ 1986 ..	82	84
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	74	76
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	113	115
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987 ..	74	76
Federated Dept Stores 4½ 1985 ..	120	122
Ford 5 1988 ..	72	74
Ford 6 1986 ..	84	86
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	68	70
Gould 5 1987 ..	81	83
General Electric 4¼ 1987	80	82
Gulf and Western 5 1988 ..	85	87
Harris 5 1987 ..	64	66
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	74	76
ITT 4½ 1987 ..	68	70
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 ..	139	141
JP Morgan 4½ 1987 ..	105	107
Nabisco 5½ 1988 ..	87½	89½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	85	88
JC Penney 4½ 1987 ..	77	79
Revlon 4½ 1987 ..	98	100
Reynolds Mtl 4½ 1993 ..	40	42
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	95	97
Squibb 4½ 1987 ..	77	79
Texaco 4½ 1988 ..	71	73
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	99	101
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987 ..	86	88
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	71	73

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 15	Market rates (close) October 15
New York	$2.0504-0570	$2.0550-0560
Montreal	$2.1030-1180	$2.1160-1170
Amsterdam	5.42-48fl	5.43-44fl
Brussels	79.65-80.65f	79.70-90f
Copenhagen	12.34-38k	12.35-36k
Frankfurt	5.28-33m	5.28½-29½m
Lisbon	54.50-90e	54.55-75e
Madrid	121.00-60p	121.30-50p
Milan	1389-98lr	1389½-91½lr
Oslo	11.31-39k	11.31½-32½k
Paris	9.02-07f	9.02½-03½f
Stockholm	8.98-9.05k	8.98½-99½k
Tokyo	618-25y	621½-23½y
Vienna	37.40-50sch	37.45-65sch
Zurich	5.46-50f	5.46-47f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.1% to 29.5%.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.00-.90c prem	2.50-2.40c prem
Montreal	.55-.45c prem	1.50-1.40c prem
Amsterdam	3½-2½c prem	10½-9½c prem
Brussels	50-30c prem	125-105c prem
Copenhagen	5½-3½ore prem	14½-12½ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11¼-10¼pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-30c disc	55c prem-5c disc
Milan	2½-1½lr prem	3½-1½lr prem
Oslo	6-4ore prem	18-15ore prem
Paris	4-2c prem	10½-8½c prem
Stockholm	4-2ore prem	11-9ore prem
Vienna	25-10gro prem	75-45gro prem
Zurich	5-4c prem	12½-11½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9707-10.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-5¾; seven days, 5½-6; one month, 5⅞-6⅛; three months, 6⅝-7⅛; six months, 7⅛-7½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $142.00 (an ounce); pm, $142.75.

Krugerrand: (per coin): $146-148 (£71-72) (domestic); $146-148 (£71-72) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $43.50-44.50 (£21.25-21.75) (new); $43.50-44.50 (£21.25-21.75), (international).

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¾%
(Last changed 4/10/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 11 Close 10
Week Fixed: 11¼-11

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11¼	2 months	11¼
3 months	11⅜	3 months	11⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11½-11¼	3 months	12
3 months	11⅝-11⅜	4 months	12¼
4 months	11½	6 months	12½
6 months	11¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11½-11	7 months	11¾-11¼
2 months	11½-11	8 months	11¾-11¼
3 months	11½-11⅛	9 months	12-11½
4 months	11½-11¼	10 months	12-11½
5 months	11¾-11¼	11 months	12-11½
6 months	11¾-11¼	12 months	12⅛-11⅝

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11½-11¼	6 months	11¾-11⅝
3 months	11⅝-11⅜	12 months	11⅞-11⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11¼	3 months	11½-11⅜
7 days	11¼	6 months	11¾
1 month	11½	1 year	12¼-12⅛

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 14½-12		Close 9	
1 week	11¼-11	6 months	11⅞-11⅝
1 month	11⅜-11⅛	9 months	11⅞-11⅝
3 months	11⅝-11½	12 months	11⅞-11⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months	12¼	6 months	12¼

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Barnet 13½% 1980 (£100†)	£21¼+¼
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100†)	£30¼+¼
Bristol Wtr 9% Rd Pf (‡)	£98¾
Corn Exchange 10p Ord	135
Coventry 13½% 1980 (£99½b)	£10¼+¼
Derby 13½% 1982 (£98½a)	£45¼+¼
Elandsrand Gold 20c (R3)	108+7
Haslemere Est 9½% Cnv (£100)	£117-1
Islington 13½% 1980 (£100b)	£11¼+¼
Do 14% 85-86 (£100b)	£94¾
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (‡)	£10¾
Liverpool 13½% 1981 (£98½d)	£21¼+¼
Norcross 15½% Db 90-95 (£98h)	£27
Treasury 9% B 1978 (£95)	£99⅜
York Wtr 9% Pf 1980 (‡)	£99¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Babcock Wilcox (25†)	Nov 11	40 prem-2
Grand Met (90†)	Nov 28	13 prem-2
Imp Cont Gas (260†)	Dec 12	95 prem+7
Northern Foods (25†)	Dec 9	37 prem+1
Peacock Sosial (25†)		4¼ prem
Royal Ins (220†)	Nov 14	75+2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £85 paid. f £50 paid. g £80 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars lost £2 and the three-month position retreated by a similar amount. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £569.50-70.00 *a metric ton*; three months, £591.50-92.50. Sales, 4,275 tons. Cash cathodes, £556.50-57.00; three months, £578-78.50. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £566.50-67.00; three months, £589-89.50. Settlement, £567. Sales, 5,475 tons. Cash cathodes, £554-54.50; three months, £575.50-76.00. Settlement, £554.50. Sales, 600 tons.
SILVER was barely steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 210.40p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 431.7); three months, 217p (440.2c); six months, 224p (450.1c); one-year 238.60p (473.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 209.8-210.0p; three months, 216.7-16.8p; seven months, 226-26.5p. Sales, 69 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash 211.3-11.4p; three months 218-18.1p; seven months, 227.5-27.8p. Settlement, 211.4p. Sales, 75 lots.
TIN was irregular. standard cash losing £2.50, while three months advanced by £2. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,115-30 a metric ton; three months, £3,127-30. Sales, 265 tons (*about half carries*). High grade, cash, £3,116-20; three months, £3,127-30. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,124-25; three months, £3,130-32. Settlement, £3,125. Sales, 335 tons. High grade, cash, £3,124-25; three months, £3,130-32. Settlement, £3,125. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M947.125 a picul.
LEAD was quiet and featureless. Afternoon.—Cash, £169.25-69.50 a metric ton; three months, £177.25-77.50. Sales, 135 tons. Morning.—Cash, £169-69.50; three months, £177-77.50. Settlement, £169.50. Sales, 2,405 tons.
ZINC was quiet and steady. Afternoon.—Cash, £344.50-45.50 a metric ton; three months, £354.75-55.00. *Sales, 1,450 tons (mainly carries)*. Morning.—Cash, £344.25-44.50; three months, £354-54.50. Settlement, £344.50. Sales, 1,625 tons. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.
PLATINUM was 40p down at £70 ($144) a troy ounce.
RUBBER was about steady.—Nov, 33.35-34.25p per kilo; Dec, 33.60-34.25p; Jan-March, 34.30-34.35p; April-June, 35.30-35.40p; July-Sept, 36.50-36.60p; Oct-Dec, 37.85-37.95p; Jan-March, 39.20-39.30p; April-June, 40.20-40.30p; July-Sept, 40.95-41.00p. Sales, 102 lots at 5 tonnes; 61 at 15 tonnes including 2 options.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly steadier.—Spot, 32.50-33.50. Cifs, Nov, 29.90-30.05; Dec, 30.60-30.75.
COFFEE.—*Robustas were barely* steady. Arabicas were quiet.
ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £736-39 per metric ton; Jan, £730.50-31.50; March, £731-31.50; May, £732-32.50; July, £734-35; Sept, £737-38; Nov, £739-41. Sales, 1,044 lots including 3 options.
ARABICAS.—Oct, $90.70-91.40 per 50 kilos; Dec, $90-90.50; Feb, $90.20-*90.40; April, $90.50-90.70; June*, $90.25-91.25; Aug, $90.50-91.50; Oct, $91-91.75. Sales, 5 lots.
COCOA: Nearby December was strongly in demand and rose by £23.50 while the March position put on £15.25.—Dec, £676-77 per metric ton; March, £631.50-32.00; May, £611-13; July, £601-04; Sept, £596.5-98.00; Dec, *£589-92.0; March*, £585-90. Sales, 3,061 lots. ICO prices: daily 55.85c; 15-day average 54.34c; 22-day average 53.60c (US cents per lb).
SUGAR was barely steady. The London daily prices were: "raws" £159 (down £1); "whites" £165 (down £3).—Dec, £161.50-61.70 per long ton; March, £160.25-60.70; May, £159.50-59.75; Aug, £158.25-58.60; Oct, £158-58.05; Dec, £157-57.75; March, £156.50-57.25. Sales, 2,484 lots. ISA prices: 13.87c; 17-day average 14.25c.
SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Oct, £82.50-89.00 per metric ton; Dec, £87.20-87.30; Feb, £88.40-88.50; April, £89.20-89.50; June, £90.10-90.40; Aug, £91-91.40; Oct, £92-92.30. Sales, 88 lots.
WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 161-65p per kilo; Dec, 159-65p; March, 168-71; May, 169.5-72.5p; July, 171.5-74.0p; Oct, 181-82p; Dec, 182.5-84.0p; March, 184-89p. Sales: 13 lots.
JUTE.—Calcutta was steady. Indian, Oct-Nov Rs 450 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, Oct-Nov Rs 422.50.
GRAIN: London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady.—Nov, £63.95; Jan, £66.10; March, £67.55; May, £68.95; Sept, £66. **WHEAT** was steady.—Nov, £64.55; Jan, £66.65; March, £68.40; May, £69.85; Sept, £67.60.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm *spot prices*:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Hertford	£64.95	£61.70	£61.00
Borders (West)	—	—	—

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 15.—*UK:* Cattle £18.86 per live cwt (+0.23). Sheep 33.1p per lb EDCW (+1.7). Pigs £4.93 per sc LW (+0.12). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 8.1 per cent, average price £18.90 (+0.19). Sheep numbers up 1.3 per cent, average price 35.7p (+2.0). Pig numbers down 5.8 per cent, average price £4.93 (+0.13). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 4.4 *per cent, average price* £18.77 (+0.3). Sheep numbers down 8.4 per cent, average price 30.3p (+0.3). Pig numbers unchanged, average price £4.93 (—0.01).

Opening of new steel exchange

Considerable interest in the new London Steel Exchange was shown when trading opened for the first time yesterday. More than 50 traders were present.

Trading was primarily in steel plate, sheets and bars and other semi-finished products. The market provides for prompt, warehouse *and future deliveries, therefore* steel traders will be able to use it as a hedging facility.

The exchange will operate each Wednesday between 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm and will be open only to *the* 65 members of the International Steel Traders' Association, although non-member will be able to trade on the market via members acting as brokers.

BIS on Eurocurrency

Basle (AP-DJ).—The Eurocurrency market continued to grow in the second quarter this year, though the rate *slowed* from the first quarter, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) reports. Almost all the growth was in the dollar sector. The BIS noted that some continental European countries and the United States, both directly and through the Caribbean, replaced oil exporting countries as the main suppliers of new funds.

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 135.71 on October 14 against 133.19 a week earlier.

Wall Street

New York, Oct 15.—Stocks were moderately lower on the New York *Stock Exchange* this morning with trading slow. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about two points, *but* declining issues had a substantial lead over gainers.

The market was partly propped by a prime rate cut from *8* per cent to 7¾ *per cent* by the Southwest Bank of St Louis, but analysts said that investors were waiting to see whether the cut would spread to major banks.

Some analysts had been looking for the prime rate to start down in the near future, but others had expected the 8 per cent rate to hold for the present. One analyst pointed out that Southwest had cut its prime rate prematurely before.

Mixed closing for gold

New York, Oct 14.—**GOLD** futures pulled back from early losses to close narrowly mixed on balance. Dealers said there were no apparent factors to *account for the movement, although* they suggested the steadier performance of the metal in European Spot trading may have prompted the closing-out of some speculative positions. The New York Comex was 60 to 80 cents lower, and the Chicago IMM was unchanged to 30 cents higher. NY COMEX.—Oct, $142.20; Nov, $142.50; Dec, *$142.90; Feb, $145.10; April, $147.30*; June, $149.50; Aug, $151.80; Oct, $154.00; Dec, $156.20; Feb, $158.40.
CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, $143.10-$142.90; March, $146.20; June, $149.80; Sept, $153.0 bid; Dec, $157.40 bid.
SILVER.—Futures rallied from early losses of more than 10 cents to close *0.30 to 0.70 cent down on scattered* short covering from commission houses. Oct, 433.30c; Nov, 434.80c; Dec, 437.80c; Jan, 441.50c; March, 449.50c; May, 457.50c; July, 465.30c; Sept, 473.10c; Dec, 484.70c; Jan, 488.70c. Hardy and Harman, $428.50 (*previous* $432.50). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$4.405 (*previous* Can$4.440).
COPPER.—Futures closed steady 80 points down on 2,679 lots. Oct, 53.60c; Nov, 53.80c; Dec, 54.30c; Jan, 54.90c; March, 56.00c; May, 57.30c; July, 58.50c; Sept, 59.70c.
COTTON.—Futures turned downward again in the latter stages to close at or near the two-cent limit decline. *Dec*, 52.14c asked; March, 53.57c asked; *May*, 53.60c asked; July, 54.10c asked; Oct, 54.32c; Dec, 54.11c; March, 54.25c bid.
SUGAR.—World sugar futures in No 11 contract *finished* near the lows of the day at 0.15 to 0.06-cent lower on trade and commission house selling prompted by a Reuter report Brazil had received requests from Algeria and Portugal to postpone sugar shipments. Jan, 13.83c nominal; March, 13.76/74c; May, 13.62/64c; July, 13.62c; Sept, 13.60/58c; Oct, 13.52/57c; March, 13.38/34c.
COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract drifted through the day to close 0.80 cent lower on the poor turnover of 210 contracts. Nov, 80.00-75c; Dec, 81.10-0.95c; March, 80.60-50c; May, 81.00c; July, 81.80-2.10c; Sept, 83.00-50c.
COCOA. Futures closed steady on 1,266 lots. Dec, 59.34c; March, 55.10c; May, 53.80c; July, 51.70c; Sept, 50.87c; Dec, 50.10c; March, unquoted. Spots. Ghana unquoted. Bahia, 65c.
WOOL. New York, Oct 14.—Fine wool and crossbred futures were unsold today. Closing bids for Fine Wool ranged from unchanged to 0.10 cent up, while Crossbred bids remained unchanged across the board. **GREASE WOOL.** Spot, 166.0c nominal. Oct, 150.0-80.0c; Dec, 153.0-62.0c; March, 143.0c bid; May, 142.0c bid; July, 142.0-50.0c; Oct, 139.0c bid; Dec, 136.0c bid; March, 133.0c bid.
CROSSBRED. Spot, 83.0c nominal. Oct, 79.0-85.0c; Dec, 78.0c bid; March, 75.0-84.0c; May, 74.0c bid; July, 73.0c bid; Oct, 69.0c bid; Dec, 66.0c bid; March, 63.0c bid.
CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Oil futures closed 0.10 to 0.55 cent a lb up except spot October which lost 0.18 cents. Meal futures rose as much as $2.60 in nearbys but closed unchanged in back. **SOYABEANS.** Nov, 553½-30c; Jan, 545-43½c; March, 554-53½c; May, 561-61½c; July, 567c; Aug, 567½c; Sept, 560c; Nov, 556c; Jan, 561c nominal; **SOYABEAN MEAL.** Oct, $156.00; Dec, $137.00-7.50; Jan, $139.50-9.00; March, $142.50. **SOYABEAN OIL.** Oct, 21.20-10c; Dec, 21.15-05c; Jan, 21.15-10c; March, 21.11-10c; May, 21.00-15c; July, 21.00-10c; Aug, 21.20-15c; Sept, 21.00-10c. **SOYABEAN MEAL** (New). March, $139.50-140.00; May, $143.50; July, $145.00; Aug, $145.00; Sept, $145.00-5.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT closed firm 6½ to 12 cents higher. Dec, 414-412½c; March, 427½-427c; May, 432-432½c; July, 428½c; Sept, 434½c. **MAIZE** closed firm 3½ to 6 cents higher. Dec, 296⅛-296¼c; March, 304-303¾c; May, 306½-306¾c; July, 307¼-307c; Sept, 298c; Dec, 284c; March, 289c nominal. **OATS** closed firm 2½ to 3¼ cents higher. Dec, 163⅝; March, 154⅝-154½; May, 153½; July, 153½.

	Oct 14	Oct 13		Oct 14	Oct 13		Oct 14	Oct 13
Allied Chem.	30¼	32	Ford	38⅛	37⅞	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	41½	41¾	G.A.F. Corp.	10	10	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	[illegible]	2⅝	Gamble Skogmo	21⅛	21	Repub. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	11	10⅞	Gen. Dynam.	47⅛	47⅝	Reynolds Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	37⅛	38¼	Gen. Electric	47½	48¼	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	47¼	47¾	Gen Foods	25⅞	25⅝	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	17⅛	17½	Gen. Instm.	9⅝	9½	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	7⅛	7¼	Gen. Mills	56⅛	56¾	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	36	35½	Gen. Motors	53¾	54⅞	St. Regis	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	22¼	21½	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	15¼	15⅛	Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Can.	28⅞	29⅜	Gen. Tel. El.	23½	23½	SCM	11	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	24⅛	24½	Gen. Tire	16⅞	18⅞	Schlumbgr.	74⅞	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	20⅛	20⅜	Genesco	4½	4½	Scott. Paper	16⅜	[illegible]
Am. Home	35⅛	35½	Georgia Pac	39⅛	39⅛	Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	5⅛	5⅛	Getty Oil	167	167	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	32⅞	32⅞	Gillette	29⅛	29⅛	Sears Roe.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	13¼	13¼	Goodrich	16⅞	16⅞	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel.	47⅛	47⅛	Goodyear	20⅞	20⅞	Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	17½	17⅞	Gould Inc.	29½	29¼	Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	16⅞	17½	Grace	25	25	Singer	11⅛	[illegible]
Armco Steel	27¼	26⅞	Grant W.T.	2⅝	2⅝	Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	13⅞	14½	Gt. At. & Pac.	11½	12	Sth Cal Edison	18½	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	19⅛	19½	Greyhound	13½	13½	Southern Pac.	28⅛	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	99⅛	99	Grumman Cp.	14⅞	14⅞	Southern Rly.	52	[illegible]
Avco	5½	5⅛	Gulf Oil	22¼	22⅜	Sperry Rand	42⅛	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	41⅞	42⅜	Gulf Wn. Ind.	21½	22	Squibb	34⅞	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	19¼	19½	Heinz. H. J.	49	48¼	Std. Brands	37⅝	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	30⅞	31⅛	Hercules	29	28⅞	Std. Oil Cal.	31⅛	[illegible]
Bank of Am.	42⅞h	42⅝h	Honeywell	31⅞	31½	Std. Oil Ind.	49	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	27⅛	27	IC Inds	14¼	14⅛	Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Best Fds.	21⅛	21⅛	Ingersoll	70	69¼	Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	17	17⅞	Inland Steel	42¼	42½	Stevens J.P.	16½	[illegible]
Bendix	44	43	I.B.M.	208½	210½	Stude Worth	40	[illegible]
Beth. Steel	36⅛	35⅞	Int. Harv.	22⅞	23½	Sunbeam Cp.	19¼	[illegible]
Boeing	25	25	Int. Nickel	25½	25½	Sundstrand	18⅛	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	21⅛	21½	Int. Paper	54⅛	53	Sun Oil	31½	[illegible]
Borden	24⅞	24⅞	Int. Tel. Tel.	20¼	20	Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	17¼	17⅛	Jewel Co	18	18½	Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	66½	67⅞	Jim Walter	20⅛	20⅝	Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	11⅛	11⅛	Johns Manv.	20⅜	20½	Texas East Trans	32	[illegible]
Budd	5⅛	5⅛	Johnson & John	85	83⅞	Texas Inst	103⅞	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	25⅞	25⅞	Kaiser Alum.	24½	24¼	Texas Utilities	20⅛	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	30⅞	30½	Kennecott	31⅛	31⅛	Textron	20⅛	[illegible]
Burroughs	89¼	91⅛	Kerr McGee	87	87⅞	T.W.A.	7⅛	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	29⅛	29⅛	Kimb. Clk.	29⅛	29½	Travelers Cp.	23⅞	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	13½	13⅞	Krafteo Cp.	38½	37⅞	T.R.W. Inc.	24	[illegible]
Caterpillar	65¼	68	Kresge S.S.	33¼	33⅞	U.A.L. Inc.	23¼	[illegible]
Celanese	43¼	43⅞	Kroger	20¼	20½	Unilever Ltd.	32	[illegible]
Central Soya	14⅞	13⅞	Ligg. Myer	29	28½	Unilever N.V.	36⅛	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	21⅛	21½	L.T.V.	13⅞	13⅞	Unionamerica	5	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	27⅞	28⅛	Litton	6⅞	7	Union Bancorp	8½	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y	32¼	31½	Lockheed	5¼	7½	Union Carb.	57⅛	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	35⅛	34½	Lucky Stores	16¼	16½	Un. Oil Cal.	45⅛	[illegible]
Chrysler	10	10⅛	Manuf Hanover	29¼	29½	Un. Pacific Corp.	72½	[illegible]
Citicorp	31	30⅞	Mapco	44⅛	44⅞	Uniroyal	8⅛	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	42½	42⅞	Marathon Oil	46⅞	47¼	United Brands	4⅛	[illegible]
Clark Equip	28¼	27½	Marcor Inc.	24¼	23⅞	Utd Merch & Man.	13½	[illegible]
Coca Cola	78¼	79⅛	Marine Mid.	16½	16½	U.S. Industries	4⅛	[illegible]
Colgate	30	30¼	Martin Mar.	15¼	15⅞	U.S. Steel	66¼	[illegible]
C.B.S.	51⅛	49¾	McDonnell	16⅞	16⅞	Utd Technol	35⅜	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	24⅞	24⅞	Mead	17⅝	17⅝	Wachovia	17⅞	[illegible]
Comb Eng	45⅛	46½	Merck	57⅞	57⅞	Warner Comm	28⅛	[illegible]
Comw. Edison	28	28	Minn. Mln.	51⅞	51⅞	Warner Lambert	35¼	[illegible]
Con Edison	13¼	13¼	Mobil Oil	47⅛	47½	Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	17½	17⅜	Monsanto	57⅞	57⅞	West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	17⅝	17⅝	Morgan. J. P.	53⅞	53⅞	Westghs El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	28¾	28	Motorola	47	48	Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	67¼	68	NCR Corp	24⅞	24½	Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	20	20	NL Ind	12⅜	12⅛	White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	39⅞	38	Nat. Bisc.	34⅜	34½	Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.P.C. Intnl.	43	41⅞	Nat. Distill.	15⅜	15⅝	Xerox Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crane	44½	44	Nat. Steel	39½	39⅛	Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	22	21⅞	Norfolk West	65	64⅞			
Crown Zeller	33½	33¾	NW Bancor	39⅛	39⅛			
Dart Ind.	27¾	27⅞	Norton Simon	21⅞	21⅞			
Deere	48⅜	48½	Occ. Pet.	15⅜	15½			
Del Monte	24½	24⅝	Ogden	15¾	15⅞			
Delta Air	32⅛	31½	Olin Corp.	25⅞	25⅞			
Detroit Edison	12⅝	12⅞	Otis Elev.	31½	31			
Disney	48⅞	48⅞	Owens Ill.	48	47			
Dow Chem.	91	90¾	Pac. Gas. El.	21⅝	21⅝			
Dresser Ind.	58⅞	59⅝	Pan. Am.	4⅛	4⅛			
Duke Power	17¼	17	Penn. Cent.	1½	1½			
Du Pont	119¼	119¾	Penney J C	49	49⅜			
Eastern Air	4⅝	4⅞	Pennzoil	21⅝	21⅝			
East. Kodak	100¼	99⅝	Pepsico	69¾	70			
Eaton Corp.	26⅞	27¼	Pet Corp	23	23			
El Paso G.	11⅛	11⅛	Pfizer	27½	27¾			
Equitable Life	16⅞	16¾	Phelps Dod.	31⅞	31⅞			
Esmark	29⅞	30¼	Philip Mor.	52⅞	51⅞			
Evans P. D.	5⅜	5⅜	Phill. Pet.	54⅛	56⅛			
Exxon Corp	92⅞	93¾	Polaroid	39⅞	40⅞			
Fed. D. Strs.	50¾	51	P.P.G. Ind.	30⅞	30⅞			
Firestone	20¾	20⅞	Proc. Gamble	88⅞	88¼			
Fst. Chicago	19⅜	19⅝	Pub.Ser.El & Gas	16¾	17			
Fst. Nt. Boston	22⅞	22⅞	Pullman	32	32			
Fst. Penn Corp	15½	15¾	Rapid American	6⅛	6⅛			

Canadian Prices

	Oct 14	Oct 13
Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alg. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asbestos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Sup. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.69	4.69
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Bat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker Can.	6.63	6.63
Hud. Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
I.A.C. Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imp. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Fergsn.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Power Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Price Bros.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tex. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trans. Mnt. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker H.	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.C.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0470; three months, $2.0337; Canadian dollar, 97.23c.

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was down 3.91 to 302.85. The futures index was up .48 to 285.32.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 835.25 (837.77); transportation, 167.29 (165.15); utilities, 81.51 (81.15); 65 stocks, 255.50 (256.05). New York Stock Exchange index, 47.75 (47.55); industrial, 53.37 (53.35); transportation, 31.47 (30.98); utilities, 32.03 (31.85); financial, 45.89 (45.27).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
33.6	20.6	Giants	28.7	30.8	3.96
36.0	21.7	Do Accum	31.1	33.4	3.96
30.8	18.2	Growth	26.7	28.7	4.42
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	29.2	31.3	4.42
30.7	20.7	Income	27.9	30.0	8.06
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	31.9	34.2	8.06
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	18.2	19.2	2.66
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	20.6	22.1	4.45
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	32.2	34.2	4.11
24.7	11.0	Do Income	21.1	22.6	5.47
25.9	13.4	Do Invest	25.2	26.8	3.60
		Albert Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Albert Trst*	52.6	56.6	3.29
48.1	24.3	Do Income*	44.6	48.0	5.90
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.4	30.1	Allied Capital	50.3	53.7e	5.67
50.9	31.4	Do 1st	47.8	51.0	5.56
48.5	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	47.4	50.6	6.05
27.8	16.2	Growth & Inc	26.8	28.6	6.29
24.2	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	22.5	24.0e	5.84
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	33.6	35.8	5.85
45.3	29.1	High Income	43.1	46.0e	7.43
27.6	16.4	Equity Income	27.1	29.5e	7.05
23.1	14.1	International	21.7	23.2	2.31
39.0	23.1	HighYieldFnd	37.6	40.1	10.72
79.8	43.5	Hambro Fnd	76.7	81.9	5.80
38.1	22.7	Do Income	36.8	39.3e	7.63
82.6	44.3	Do Recovery	82.6	88.2	7.40
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	16.4	17.5	7.41
20.1	12.3	Do Accum	20.1	21.4e	5.00
21.7	13.6	2nd Smaller	20.5	21.9e	8.10
44.6	30.4	Secs of America	41.1	43.9	3.08
136.2	89.5	Exempt Fnd	120.3	128.5e	6.40
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252/6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
30.6	23.0	UnicornAmer	28.1	30.9	2.02
68.4	35.0	Aust Income	61.7	65.8	2.60
73.6	42.2	Do Accum	62.6	67.6	2.60
55.4	27.6	Unicorn Capital	50.7	54.2e	4.58
68.0	30.2	Exempt*	60.0	64.7	6.92
19.6	11.1	Extra Income	18.7	19.9e	9.03
50.9	28.4	Financial	47.3	50.7	4.19
49.3	26.4	Unicorn'500'	44.9	48.0e	6.73
24.1	12.0	General	22.4	24.2e	6.28
[illegible]	14.9	Growth Accum	27.6	30.0	4.55
35.8	20.0	Income	[illegible]	36.3	[illegible]
22.2	14.9	Recovery	21.8	23.5	4.95
32.3	14.7	Trustee	29.5	34.6	5.84
46.6	32.4	Worldwide	42.4	45.4	3.56
140.0	96.7	B'tst Inv Fnd	133.6	137.7	5.44
143.0	97.2	Do Accum	136.5	140.7	5.44
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	93.5	100.5e	2.27
122.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	102.5	110.5e	2.21
110.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	98.5	106.5	8.23
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
195.0	76.0	B.T. Income (2)	167.0	178.0	8.51
28.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	25.4	27.1e	2.25
29.3	16.0	Do Cap Accr (2)	26.0	27.7	2.25
83.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	81.0	87.8	5.74
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	11.5	12.7e	4.92
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.2	13.0	4.92
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	38.4	40.1e	5.92
30.8	17.7	Balanced (2)	30.5	32.3e	6.36
31.9	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	30.2	32.0e	4.70
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	27.4	29.0e	8.80
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
158.0	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	146.6	151.8	6.30
179.6	116.9	Do Accum (1)	169.6	174.6	6.30
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers.			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
28.0	15.9	Canlife Gen	27.4	28.9	4.37
31.1	17.1	Do Accum	30.5	32.6	4.37
25.5	17.7	Income Dist	24.6	25.9e	9.59
28.4	18.1	Do Accum	28.2	29.7	9.59
		Capel (James) Management Ltd.			
		100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
59.2	48.8	Capital Fnd (22)	58.2	60.0	3.97
51.9	48.5	Income Fnd (22)	51.7	53.7	7.87
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.7	34.5	Carliol (8)	51.3	53.6e	3.93
67.7	37.4	Do Accum	57.7	60.2	3.93
25.5	24.9	Do High Yld	25.3	27.3e	9.88
29.9	24.9	Do Accum	28.5	28.5	..
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
116.5	59.3	Inc* (24)	98.6	..	7.31
150.5	79.6	Accum* (24)	148.4	..	4.88
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
25.6	12.2	Int (3)	18.2	19.4	2.49
22.0	13.6	Accum (3)	20.2	21.6	2.49
31.0	19.2	Inc (3)	27.4	29.4e	9.16
27.0	15.4	Euro Fin (3)	26.5	28.0	2.45
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	24.4	26.0	2.45
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
25.6	8.9	Growth Fnd	19.0	20.2	4.79
35.9	23.9	International	36.3	38.8	2.27
21.7	15.7	Reserves Fnd	[illegible]	31.0	4.52
36.4	19.0	High Dist	35.9	38.5	6.67
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
53.4	25.6	Progressive	47.8	50.4	4.04
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
47.9	28.3	Equity & Law	45.3	47.6e	4.25
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
51.0	26.4	Capital	48.4	51.6e	6.07
47.8	24.0	Income	47.8	50.8	7.07
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.8	12.9	Friends Prov	27.4	29.2	4.35
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	31.7	33.9	4.35
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	76.0	78.0	4.91
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	60.0	62.0	8.06
72.9	42.0	High Yield*	66.0	68.0	9.26
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	13.6	G & A	22.8	24.3	5.38
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
43.5	34.0	GT Cap	52.3	55.6	5.00
71.8	38.5	Do Accum	59.5	63.3	5.00
105.2	72.2	Do Income	93.2	98.4	10.00
149.8	94.6	Do Us Gen Fnd	129.3	137.4	1.00
180.9	94.6	Do Japan Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.00
101.0	95.5	Do Pension Ex	101.0	106.0	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brst	31.6	34.0	4.36
30.9	22.1	Do High Inc	30.9	33.2	11.84
25.5	19.5	Do Overseas	23.1	24.9	1.82
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 1031			
67.0	31.5	Guardhill	63.7	66.0e	4.96
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
48.9	25.3	Aust Trst	39.3	41.4e	2.69
64.6	33.3	Cabot	62.5	66.2	4.80
26.8	20.6	Cap Accum	24.1	25.7e	4.98
38.1	25.7	European	33.9	35.7e	4.36
43.6	25.2	Far East Trst	38.1	40.1	1.91
34.1	21.4	Financial ITU	33.8	35.4	3.71
127.5	80.5	Henderson Gr*	95.5	100.0	3.28
37.0	23.0	High Income	34.4	36.2	10.28
34.5	14.8	Inc & Assets	21.2	22.7e	6.57
27.0	17.2	International	21.7	23.4e	3.08
40.6	26.4	Nth American	35.3	37.2	2.71
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	23.0	25.1	4.06
83.0	44.3	World Wide	62.5	66.8	5.97
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Beech St, EC2P 2RX. 01-628 8011			
58.9	38.1	Dollar	53.8	57.6	3.16
30.6	19.6	International	28.1	30.1	3.02
117.0	52.6	Brit Trst	115.4	123.5	5.13
117.0	52.6	Brit Guernsey	115.4	123.5	3.34
22.0	9.2	Cap	21.5	23.0e	5.54
82.0	36.2	Fin Trst	75.6	80.9e	4.24
20.1	8.8	Inc Trst	19.9	21.3	6.93
19.8	10.4	High Yield	19.8	21.2	8.17
40.0	19.1	Secs Trst	38.7	41.4e	5.36
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LB. 031-228 1421			
25.3	12.5	Compound (1)	19.3	20.6	11.30
26.6	14.1	Do Accum (1)	24.0	25.8	11.30
24.2	12.7	8% W'draw (1)	19.9	21.4	..
35.2	14.7	Preference	22.4	24.4	13.80
26.4	19.8	Do Accum	26.3	28.6	13.80
18.6	9.8	Cap (2)	15.1	16.2	..
26.2	11.1	Aust Comp Fnd	13.0	13.9e	6.30
23.4	10.6	8% W'draw	11.7	12.5e	..
25.7	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	19.4	20.8e	4.51
16.4	8.3	Fin & Prop (3)	12.4	13.3	4.68
30.5	21.5	Int Growth (4)	26.3	28.3	2.35
25.6	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	17.8	19.2e	3.58
37.3	23.5	Commodity (5)	35.6	38.3	7.83
47.4	28.0	Do Accum (5)	45.0	48.4	7.83
38.0	24.1	10% W'draw (5)	38.0	28.7	..
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.5	31.7	Cap Fund	48.0	51.0	4.27
53.3	30.6	Energy Ind Fnd	46.0	50.8	4.20
79.7	46.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	67.6	71.9	4.95
65.8	35.2	Inc Fnd	53.6	58.3	8.08
74.2	41.5	KPIF	53.4	58.7	4.48
		Lawson Securities.			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	19.8	21.8	1.80
34.0	18.6	Do Accum	20.0	21.8	1.60
38.8	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	27.2	29.3	3.40
40.8	21.3	High Yield Fnd	36.6	39.6	12.80
43.9	28.0	Do Accum	40.6	43.9	12.80
75.7	47.5	Scottish Inc	67.5	72.5	3.50
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	68.4	73.4	3.50
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
46.1	23.6	Distribution	40.2	42.6	6.15
48.2	23.6	Do Accum	45.6	48.2	6.15
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
37.9	18.5	1st Income	37.1	39.8	4.75
47.0	22.6	Do Accum	46.0	49.4	4.75
42.6	20.7	2nd Income	39.4	42.3	3.87
49.7	23.9	Do Accum	45.9	49.3	3.87
60.6	32.5	3rd Income	58.4	62.7e	7.16
72.3	37.9	Do Accum	71.2	76.5	7.16
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.1	76.7	M & G General	120.5	127.7	5.90
178.0	103.9	Do Accum	165.9	175.8	5.90
121.5	74.1	2nd Gen	109.9	116.5	5.62
163.1	95.5	Do Accum	149.3	158.3	5.62
96.6	52.0	Mid & Gen	89.0	94.4	8.09
124.3	72.1	Do Accum	126.3	133.8	8.09
75.5	39.8	Div Fnd	73.9	78.3	9.07
121.1	60.8	Do Accum	118.6	125.7	9.07
101.5	59.2	Special Trst	79.5	84.3	4.80
110.6	66.2	Do Accum	92.5	98.0	4.80
239.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	162.1	170.2e	4.78
262.7	145.2	Do Accum	188.3	197.7	4.78
50.2	26.9	FITS	47.0	49.8	3.25
55.9	29.5	Do Accum	52.4	55.5	3.25
75.0	49.9	Compound	66.2	70.2	3.90
118.0	77.0	Recovery	113.5	120.3	7.81
49.4	24.3	Extra Yield	49.8	51.7e	10.33
56.1	24.3	Do Accum	56.1	59.5	10.33
108.9	68.9	Japan	94.6	100.5	1.10
52.8	36.4	Euro & Gen	42.9	45.7	4.00
35.9	15.5	American & Gen	31.5	33.6	2.21
56.1	26.5	Australasian	44.6	47.5	2.36
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	36.6	38.6	4.41
41.1	21.2	Do Accum	31.5	33.7	4.41
97.3	51.3	Trustee Fnd	92.6	97.7	7.17
158.4	85.2	Do Accum	153.4	161.8	7.17
112.5	58.9	Charifund* (2)	108.2	109.8	7.81
97.1	52.5	Pension* (2)	88.2	93.1	4.17
33.6	19.3	NAACIF	28.7	..	11.85
39.2	47.0	Do Accum	77.1	..	11.85
47.3	30.6	M&GConv	40.2	42.6	2.40
52.9	32.4	Clyde Gen	49.1	52.0	6.13
65.6	39.1	Do Accum	61.0	64.7	6.13
56.3	33.0	Clyde High Inc	55.7	59.0	10.84
77.1	43.7	Do Accum	77.1	81.7	10.84
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd.			
		Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 2RD. 0742 79842			
24.1	13.0	Capital	22.7	24.1	3.40
23.6	22.8	Do Accum	22.7	24.1	3.40
61.5	39.2	Commodity	43.9	47.2	6.66
48.2	46.4	Do Accum	43.9	47.2	6.66
32.1	17.4	Growth	30.5	32.4	3.00
30.5	30.9	Do Accum	30.5	32.4	3.00
35.6	22.4	Income	32.3	34.3	6.88
33.9	23.4	Do Accum	32.3	34.3	6.88
44.7	29.0	International	41.7	44.2	2.54
41.7	41.8	Do Accum	41.7	44.2	2.54
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
40.0	20.7	NPI Accum (15)	36.7	39.1	5.10
36.7	19.1	Do Dist (15)	33.1	35.1	5.10
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Acc	111.0	117.5e	3.79
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Dis	112.7	119.3e	3.79
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-837 8044			
53.4	30.3	Capital	51.0	54.4	4.03
29.1	14.5	Income	27.6	29.4e	6.46
29.1	19.9	Financial	22.3	23.9	4.03
29.5	45.9	Growth	22.3	23.9	4.10
61.2	47.8	Extra Income	50.6	54.0	8.12
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	113.0	Equity	120.0	127.0e	3.17
118.5	77.4	Income Fund	109.1	116.0	6.45
99.3	80.9	International	84.0	89.1	3.21
95.3	76.9	Smaller Co's	87.4	92.8e	4.57
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
204.3	95.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	203.9	214.6	6.37
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6213			
38.9	24.6	Financial	29.9	31.8	4.00
20.8	12.8	General	16.4	17.4e	6.42
36.7	20.6	Growth Accum	29.4	31.2e	5.88
36.3	18.9	Do Income	25.4	26.8e	5.88
24.4	14.6	High Income	19.8	21.0e	8.61
30.2	11.3	Investment	18.4	19.6e	4.81
27.9	12.0	Overseas	21.7	23.2e	2.92
42.5	21.9	Performance	40.4	43.4e	5.14
20.8	13.3	Oceanic Index	17.5	18.6	4.85
21.1	12.8	Recovery	19.7	21.0	6.33
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
19.8	10.2	Growth	18.1	19.3	4.61
20.7	10.8	Do Accum	19.7	21.2	4.61
23.1	13.3	Income	22.3	24.0e	7.12
30.1	15.1	Trust	26.1	28.4	4.71
33.0	17.8	Do Accum	31.3	33.7	4.71
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
56.4	30.2	Pelican	51.8	54.3e	5.69
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management.			
		48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
94.5	46.5	Perpetual Grth	83.3	88.6	4.30
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	21.7	Inc & Growth	24.8	26.8	4.10
33.5	20.6	Extra Inc	26.4	28.1e	10.60
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
64.3	37.5	Portfolio Cap	34.9	38.3	5.27
72.9	39.2	Growth With Inc	47.3	51.9	6.55
41.6	16.3	Private Port	24.5	26.8e	4.64
59.2	33.7	Shenley Port	57.2	62.2	4.02
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
119.1	60.2	Practical Inc	113.3	121.4e	3.25
152.7	76.6	Do Accum (3)	147.4	159.1	3.25
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
62.6	39.0	Prolific	56.7	61.7e	3.27
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	67.4	72.2	8.77
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers.			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 8222			
90.5	48.5	Prudential	85.9	90.8e	4.75
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
38.4	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	37.7	39.8e	5.24
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Ersdine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
54.7	34.8	Universal Grwth	51.0	54.6	2.77
45.0	22.7	Capital Accum	44.1	47.2	4.48
41.9	22.0	General	40.4	43.3	4.62
41.8	31.9	High Return	41.6	44.8	8.29
62.3	41.4	Commodity	56.2	60.2e	5.28
54.1	31.6	Energy	51.7	55.3	2.45
35.0	21.9	Financial	30.5	32.6	4.53
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	40.4	43.3	4.02
82.3	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	79.0	82.6	4.20
76.3	37.6	Select Inc (9)	76.3	79.7e	7.38
187.6	133.6	Comm Pen (5)	158.1	159.1e	6.80
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.6	17.1	Capital	26.4	28.3	2.67
34.3	25.8	Financial Secs	32.2	34.6	3.10
22.3	10.9	Investment	20.1	21.5	3.88
76.0	52.9	Euro Growth‡	70.6	73.6	1.54
69.7	42.3	Japan Growth‡	62.8	67.2e	0.62
72.6	43.7	US Growth‡	64.7	69.2	0.82
34.4	18.2	General	32.4	34.7	4.86
41.8	22.7	High Yield	40.6	43.5e	7.05
32.8	19.3	Income	32.4	34.7	8.47
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.3	22.1	Scotbits	32.5	34.8	3.89
39.5	22.1	Scotyields	39.2	42.1	6.63
43.5	24.8	Scotgrowth	39.1	41.9e	3.93
43.4	23.2	Scotshares	37.9	39.8	5.07
219.0	133.5	Scotfunds	199.5	210.0e	2.60
39.8	20.4	Scotincome	38.6	40.9e	7.43
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 8252			
83.8	40.1	Capital (10)	70.3	72.8	3.21
90.1	44.8	Do Accum	79.6	82.4	3.21
110.4	82.3	Income (18)	106.8	110.7	8.05
142.0	89.3	Do Accum	137.6	142.5	8.05
50.7	24.4	General (3)	49.9	51.7	4.28
37.6	27.6	Do Accum	37.5	39.4	4.28
[illegible]	27.0	Europe (18)	29.9	31.8	2.67
43.8	25.0	Do Accum	31.4	33.4	2.67
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.			
		28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
38.7	35.9	Equitable (2)	37.7	40.2e	5.90
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		Jersey Britannia Group			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
15.7	8.9	Property & Gen	9.8	10.5	4.31
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
62.5	35.7	Growth	58.0	60.3	4.93
56.6	27.4	Assets	51.2	55.1e	5.32
38.9	15.7	Brit High Inc	23.9	24.7	13.06
38.0	33.3	Capital Accum	34.8	37.5	4.70
40.0	21.3	Capital Grwth	26.7	28.7e	6.05
51.5	16.4	City of London	33.9	35.4	4.03
41.0	26.3	Comm Cons	32.2	35.7	4.42
43.4	28.7	Consolidated	39.4	42.4	4.45
74.7	65.4	Exempt	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.82
41.0	19.2	Extra Income	25.3	27.0	11.88
31.2	18.8	Far East Fnd	19.3	20.7e	4.60
35.1	18.9	Financial	31.3	34.8e	4.60
38.0	18.9	General Fund	35.2	37.1e	5.07
41.9	34.2	Gas Ind Power	45.6	49.0	2.97
53.4	38.2	Global Growth	43.8	47.9e	2.93
171.8	87.2	Gold & General	94.1	101.1	3.94
55.8	35.0	High Income	53.7	57.8e	7.44
47.6	27.8	Income Units	40.2	43.3e	9.08
35.1	15.3	Invest Tst Units	22.6	24.3	4.44
31.7	18.2	Investors Gen	26.9	28.8e	3.99
79.5	26.3	Do 2nd Gen	46.2	49.7	4.20
27.6	18.2	International	19.6	20.9	3.88
62.7	51.5	Natural Res	50.5	54.4	5.28
37.5	20.2	New Issue	23.2	25.3	6.21
115.0	32.7	Minerals Tst	57.3	61.7e	7.27
28.0	24.4	North American	24.4	26.3	2.81
41.5	23.8	Century	37.4	40.2e	4.75
66.2	41.4	Nat High Inc	57.6	63.1e	7.22
66.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	58.2	60.5	3.98
88.1	40.1	Commodity	52.2	56.1	6.27
33.4	19.9	Domestic	29.1	31.3	5.91
41.9	28.0	Hundred Secs	41.2	44.4	5.67
38.0	21.7	Invest Tst	35.8	38.5	4.46
47.7	29.7	Plant & Gen	40.9	43.5	6.79
434.3	229.1	Professional	364.4	379.5	4.89
110.3	74.8	Provident Inv	92.1	97.0e	3.20
58.3	29.1	Scot Trust	47.0	50.6	3.50
99.8	55.6	Security First	54.5	58.7	4.83
55.5	36.3	Shamrock	42.7	46.0	6.34
42.5	29.7	Shield	39.1	42.1	5.23
31.2	13.8	Status Change	18.4	19.8e	7.71
141.4	82.3	Unit 'D'	137.4	147.5	3.75
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	86.4	93.0	5.15
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd.			
		Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
130.0	104.0	Exempt Eq Tst	118.5	124.7	5.21
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
74.3	48.9	Family Fund	62.8	66.8	3.16
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
28.4	15.1	Commodity	23.9	25.6	5.83
53.8	31.4	Financial	49.8	53.3	4.20
34.4	18.5	Equity	29.6	31.7	5.83
141.1	81.1	Exempt	140.5	145.6	6.26
188.1	94.4	Do Accum (3)	167.7	173.8	6.26
27.4	18.4	Growth	22.8	24.4	4.35
26.8	17.7	International	25.1	26.9e	2.30
27.3	18.8	Do Re-invest	26.0	27.8	2.30
28.2	12.0	Investment	23.6	25.3	2.45
138.0	72.0	Professional (3)	111.7	117.0	5.38
18.6	11.2	Income	17.4	18.7e	9.34
13.2	9.8	Preference	11.2	12.0e	14.30
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
28.2	24.6	Eagle	22.3	23.8	3.45
28.7	18.8	Thistle	29.3	31.2	6.71
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	40.1	42.7	4.24
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
31.7	15.8	General	30.2	32.4e	4.08
37.0	17.8	Do Accum	35.8	38.4	4.09
59.4	45.9	Scottish	55.0	57.9e	3.13
59.4	45.9	Do Accum	55.6	58.5	3.13
		Transatlantic & General Securities.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
86.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	56.2	60.0	5.35
84.0	41.0	Do Accum	79.6	84.2	5.35
154.2	100.0	Barrington Fund	150.6	157.8	5.17
154.2	100.0	Do Accum	152.6	159.8	5.17
73.8	44.7	Buckingham (4)	67.8	71.0	4.85
79.7	49.2	Do Accum	76.2	79.8	4.85
99.6	49.4	Colemco	95.8	100.6e	5.16
107.8	52.4	Do Accum	105.2	110.7	5.16
147.6	87.4	Endeavour	132.2	138.5e	3.52
48.9	29.3	Glen Fund (2)	38.5	40.9	5.37
52.8	32.9	Do Accum	44.4	46.4	5.37
87.2	47.8	G'chester* (5)	78.6	82.4	2.93
34.4	27.8	Ldn & Brus'ls*	20.6	21.6	[illegible]
49.8	31.2	Marlborough	48.8	51.3	3.48
54.4	37.6	Do Accum	50.7	53.1	3.48
59.0	28.8	Merlin (1)	54.3	57.1e	4.30
65.5	38.4	Do Accum	61.1	64.3	4.30
43.4	23.6	Merlin Yield	37.7	39.9	9.35
47.3	26.4	Do Accum	43.3	45.6	9.35
50.7	19.9	Vang Growth (2)	34.3	36.3	3.48
45.3	23.4	Do Accum	39.8	42.0	3.48
50.0	49.8	Vang High Yield	48.4	50.9	10.00
49.2	31.0	Wickmoor	43.9	46.1	5.83
53.3	31.4	Do Accum	50.0	52.6	5.83
		Trident Funds.			
		(Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.)			
		140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
22.9	16.7	UK Growth Fnd	18.4	19.7e	4.74
39.0	21.8	Income Fund	33.8	36.0	10.30
31.5	18.4	10% Withdrwl	27.9	29.7	..
51.0	31.7	Int Growth	44.9	47.8	3.18
29.2	19.6	Amer Growth	26.6	28.3	..
25.2	25.0	Nil Yield Fnd	24.6	26.3e	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
82.6	43.2	Income (3)	78.2	80.2	7.09
138.0	65.8	Do Accum (3)	119.6	123.6	7.09
102.8	52.8	Capital (3)	84.8	89.2	4.43
122.6	66.4	Do Accum (3)	109.6	115.2	4.43
92.8	34.6	Canynge Fnd (3)	65.6	69.8	4.91
103.4	38.4	Do Accum (3)	74.6	79.4	4.91
89.6	43.0	Exempt* (40)	74.8	78.6	4.25
103.4	51.8	Do Accum (40)	92.0	98.6	4.25
194.6	100.3	Int Earn Fnd (3)	175.6	184.4	5.49
197.4	100.2	Do Accum (3)	180.0	189.0	5.40
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
114.0	66.4	Income (40)	108.4	113.4	6.24
139.6	80.0	Do Accum (40)	134.2	140.4	6.24
102.8	52.2	Capital (40)	90.2	94.4	4.15
113.2	58.6	Do Accum (40)	102.8	107.8	4.15
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
98.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	94.0	99.0	7.23
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	16.1	17.5	7.38
23.8	8.7	Do Overseas	14.6	15.7	6.95

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1-3 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
37.9	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	27.6	28.7	..
26.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	21.8	22.9	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	112.1	118.0e	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	109.6	115.4	..
71.1	37.8	Select Fund (3)	62.8	66.2	..
108.6	100.0	Conv Fund	108.6	114.4	..
102.7	100.0	Money Fund	102.7	108.2	..
145.4	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	117.6	123.8	..
62.2	37.3	Do Select (3)	57.0	60.0	..
106.9	100.0	Do Security	104.2	109.7	..
115.7	100.0	Do Managed	115.6	121.7	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
98.2	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	98.2	103.3	..
98.6	100.0	Do Accum	98.6	103.8	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	116.3	122.4	..
128.5	100.0	Do Accum	119.3	125.5	..
107.5	98.6	Property Fnd	95.3	100.3	..
97.1	100.0	Do Accum	97.1	102.3	..
98.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	96.7	101.7	..
98.3	100.0	Do Accum	98.3	103.5	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	110.2	116.0	..
117.6	100.0	Do Accum	112.3	118.1	..
98.0	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	98.0	103.2	..
100.1	100.0	Do Accum	100.1	105.4	..
97.5	100.0	Property Pen	97.5	102.6	..
99.6	100.0	Do Accum	99.6	104.8	..
100.2	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	99.4	104.6	..
102.3	100.0	Do Accum	101.5	106.8	..
121.3	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	114.8	120.8	..
123.3	100.0	Do Accum	117.3	123.3	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate, RH2 0AX. 74 40101			
109.2	100.0	Triad Man Bond	109.2	115.6	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
88.1	64.0	Barclaybonds	85.0	89.6	..
		Beehive Life Assurance.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS. 01-623 1288			
100.0	100.0	Black Horse Bnd	100.0	..	..
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Grwth	41.0	..	..
104.3	83.5	Retirement	93.7	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.65	7.38	Equity Units £	11.85	..	..
112.0	67.0	Do Accum	111.6	..	..
77.0	48.0	Do Annuity	75.0	..	..
969.0	714.0	Prop Units	739.0	..	..
862.0	756.0	Do Accum	837.0	..	..
9.73	7.94	Exec Bal £	9.61	..	..
8.15	6.08	Exec Equity £	8.03	..	..
11.35	8.38	Exec Prop £	9.79	..	..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond £	9.61	10.17	..
8.10	5.35	Equity Bond £	8.03	8.50	..
11.35	7.76	Prop Bond £	9.79	10.36	..
9.73	7.94	Bal Units £	9.61	..	..
95.3	100.0	Deposit Bnd	95.3	100.8	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
77.9	64.8	1st Units	77.9	81.7	..
50.3	45.8	Prop Units	47.6	49.9	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
45.1	41.5	W'minster Units	44.4	46.6	..
68.2	57.2	Land Bank	59.2	..	..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	34.2	..	..
135.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	135.0	137.7	..
104.6	103.0	Inv Option Bnd	104.6	110.1	..
38.4	33.1	Equity Fnd	36.9	38.8	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
126.8	46.9	Performance	126.8	..	..
123.6	113.2	Balanced	123.6	130.1	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group.			
		St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
24.3	18.4	Variable An Acc	22.4	..	..
18.6	10.2	Do Annuity	12.5	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance.			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month.			
110.9	63.8	Capital Fnd	88.5	..	..
48.5	25.8	GS Special	34.0	..	..
119.5	80.0	Man Grwth (23)	119.5	126.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
114.2	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	114.2	..	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.6	30.8	Crusader Prop	52.1	57.9	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 178, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.8	Eagle Units	35.8	37.1	4.90
40.7	23.8	Midland Units	35.8	37.1	4.90
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
108.4	131.9	Property Bond	129.7	135.7	..
101.3	89.9	Gar Man Bonds	100.9	106.3	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
113.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	108.3	114.1	..
136.2	75.2	Equity	113.4	119.4	..
134.7	108.2	Property	119.2	125.5	..
107.8	71.1	Managed Cap	101.8	107.2	..
119.2	80.0	Do Accum	115.4	121.5	..
140.3	123.7	Pen Prop Cap	139.8	147.3	..
164.1	161.9	Do Accum	164.1	172.8	..
141.5	123.0	Pen Man Cap	141.8	149.3	..
161.7	137.8	Do Accum	165.9	174.7	..
113.5	100.0	Pen FI Cap	109.8	115.7	..
118.9	100.0	Do Accum	116.6	122.8	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.6	Property Bond	30.4	32.2	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
135.6	[illegible]	HS Prop Units	123.0	129.7	..
118.3	75.4	Premier Man (5)	117.2	123.4	..
103.9	100.0	Money Fnd	103.9	109.4	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
49.6	27.3	Hodge Bonds	45.2	47.7	..
54.4	40.0	Takeover	53.3	56.2	..
23.7	23.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.1	24.8	..
23.7	23.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.1	25.0	..
23.7	23.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	23.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada			
		Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
46.3	36.3	Growth Fnd (5)	46.3	50.2	..
41.3	30.8	Pension Fnd	40.0	43.2	..
		Individual Life Insurance Co Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
100.0	68.0	Equities	94.8	99.8	..
119.9	103.5	Fixed Int	115.8	122.0	..
114.4	88.4	Managed	110.4	116.3	..
105.2	103.2	Property	105.2	110.8	..
100.9	100.0	MoneyFund	100.3	105.7	..
118.6	98.2	King & Shaxson	112.4	118.4	..
100.3	99.0	Do Gov Sec Bd	95.0	100.0	..
104.6	79.0	Commodity	78.1	80.1	..
100.8	82.0	Growth	95.5	100.5	..
106.6	85.4	Capital	100.4	105.7	..
126.5	100.0	International	112.4	118.4	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance.			
		9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
107.6	59.5	Lion Equity	94.2	..	..
113.3	76.9	Do Accum	102.0	..	..
63.2	48.2	Lion Man Grwth	51.6	54.7	..
57.6	43.4	Do Cap	44.7	47.2	..
61.3	53.2	Lion Prop Fnd	57.8	..	..
75.1	46.1	Lion High Yield	57.8	..	..
111.8	81.8	Do Equity Pen	105.8	..	..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	61.4	..	..
70.8	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	68.1	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance.			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
157.9	136.9	Prop Modules	130.1	136.9e	5.75
137.7	137.9	Do Grwth (21)	133.2	139.3	..
132.9	100.0	Managed Fnd	132.0	139.0	..
55.6	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	53.3	56.1	4.70
		Langham Life Assurance.			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
136.8	105.6	Property Bond	107.1	112.7	..
30.9	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	22.3	23.4	..
84.2	40.6	Manag Bond (30)	39.9	42.0	..
84.2	38.5	Capital Accum	[illegible]	..	..
57.6	53.9	WISP (SpecMan)	57.6	60.6	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
30.2	25.0	Secur Ret	25.5	26.8	..
30.2	18.0	Select Inv	24.3	25.6	..
23.0	19.0	Do 2nd	19.0	20.5	..
23.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	23.0	24.5	..
24.0	13.5	Equity Fnd	18.5	20.0	..
102.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	102.5	108.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3V 1LS. 01-623 6621			
138.6	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	134.1	..	..
98.6	89.3	OPT 5 Equity	85.4	89.9	..
105.0	100.0	Do Property	105.0	110.6	..
111.4	94.7	Do High Yield	109.8	115.6	..
105.5	99.9	Do Managed	103.4	108.9	..
103.8	100.0	Do Deposit	103.6	109.1	..
110.8	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	110.8	116.7	..
169.6	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	169.6	178.6	..
127.7	110.0	Do FI Fnd	121.3	128.7	..
121.3	100.0	Do Man Fnd	127.3	134.1	..
107.2	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	107.2	112.9	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
29.9	17.2	Manulife (5)	29.2	30.6	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
111.6	102.7	Conv Dep Bnd	111.6	..	..
110.1	100.0	Do Pension	110.1	..	..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	45.6	..	..
142.3	91.1	Do Pension	121.5	..	..
113.3	80.3	Managed Bond	80.7	..	..
100.3	20.2	Do Pension	92.0	..	..
118.7	101.2	Money Market	110.7	..	..
126.0	100.0	Do Pension	120.1	..	..
150.8	97.6	Property Bond	108.2	..	..
145.1	94.1	Do Pension	105.8	..	..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
97.9	59.6	Equity Bond (4)	82.9	87.1	..
77.8	41.6	Do Bonus	57.8	60.8	..
83.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	66.4	69.8	..
116.5	68.5	Fam Bnd 1976	116.5	..	..
103.8	46.9	Do 1977/80	68.6	..	..
119.0	79.7	Do 1981/86	111.0	..	..
97.9	67.5	Managed Bonds	91.8	96.5	..
43.6	29.4	Mirror Bonds	41.5	..	..
120.9	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	119.4	123.0	..
139.9	109.4	Prop Fnd (4)	110.4	116.0	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
132.4	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	130.3	137.2	..
191.3	99.1	Do Equity (3)	190.5	200.5	..
100.0	100.0	Do Prop (3)	100.0	105.3	..
108.0	99.0	Do Fix Int (3)	99.8	104.8	..
118.9	54.3	Do Units (38)	112.2	..	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
105.6	96.8	Prop Units	97.9	105.2	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
89.3	58.7	Wealth Assured	80.5	84.9	..
62.2	35.5	Ebor Phx Ass (31)	62.2	..	..
53.1	39.0	Ebor Phx Eq (32)	53.1	55.7	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
179.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	146.9	..	..
115.0	60.4	Do Bal Ac Bnd	69.7	..	..
100.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	98.5	..	..
93.1	58.1	Do Managed	68.1	..	..
102.7	65.2	Do Equity Bnd	66.9	..	..
115.9	100.0	Do Flex Mny	115.4	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
176.0	141.0	Prop Growth (29)	150.0	..	..
751.0	480.0	AG Bond (29)	470.0	..	..
135.5	123.5	Abb Nat PG (20)	130.8	..	..
54.5	45.6	Shenley Inv (29)	53.4	..	..
132.6	100.0	Equity Fnd	132.0	..	..
121.9	100.0	Money Fnd	114.3	..	..
130.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	132.0	..	..
126.0	103.5	Immed Ann (33)	110.5	..	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
108.7	90.6	All-Weather Ac	98.2	103.4	..
107.2	88.3	Do Capital	96.1	101.2	..
112.9	97.0	Investment Fnd	111.9	..	..
109.0	88.0	Pension Fnd	102.1	..	..
106.6	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	106.6	..
107.0	102.4	Man Pen Fnd	..	107.0	..
107.0	102.4	Prop Pen Fnd	..	107.0	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.22	8.37	Equity £	15.32	15.79	..
12.23	10.01	Fixed Int £	11.83	12.01	..
19.80	16.46	Property £	17.38	19.35	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	136.6	Rel Prop Bnd	149.8	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
96.0	78.3	Balanced Bond	92.5	97.9	..
88.1	[illegible]	Equity Bnd	87.1	92.2	..
31.1	13.6	Gilt Bond (4)	31.5	..	..
124.3	100.3	Prop Fnd (30)	114.3	121.0	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
99.0	100.0	Deposit Bnd (3)	99.0	104.3	..
105.4	100.0	Fixed Interest	104.9	110.5	..
98.0	63.6	Flexible Fnd	92.8	97.8	..
159.1	87.1	Equity Fnd	142.1	..	..
155.1	90.6	Do 2nd Ser	142.4	155.1	..
133.1	100.0	Pen Fnd Cap	129.7	135.7	..
142.0	100.0	Pen Fnd Accum	139.8	147.3	..
105.8	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	105.8	111.4	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
280.0	163.7	Inv Policy	279.8	288.2	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd.			
		30 Uxbridge Rd, W12. 01-749 9111			
75.0	50.0	Sel Market Fnd	71.9	76.2	..
47.2	30.0	Do Capital	47.2	50.0	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
91.9	41.8	Unit Endowm't	83.1	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
134.1	70.7	Maple Leaf (3)	128.5	..	..
130.4	102.8	Personal Pens	127.1	..	..
		Target Life Assurance.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
108.4	100.0	Deposit Inc	96.1	101.7	..
107.4	98.2	Fixed Interest	94.5	100.0	..
99.1	80.2	Man Fund Acc	92.3	97.7	..
92.1	80.4	Do Income	83.2	88.0	..
130.0	86.0	Prop Bnd Inv	90.0	..	..
98.0	93.2	Do Income	90.7	96.3	..
143.0	99.0	Do Accum	104.0	..	..
53.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	48.8	52.2	..
57.5	32.9	Do Accum	53.9	57.9	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	81.0	Trident Man	101.7	107.2	..
120.5	[illegible]	Do Guar Man	112.3	118.3	..
109.3	102.0	Do Property	109.3	115.1	..
90.0	58.3	Do Equity	77.2	81.4	..
112.2	[illegible]	Do High Yield	110.3	116.3	..
104.5	100.0	Do Money	104.5	110.1	..
106.5	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	106.0	112.0	..
112.0	28.5	Do Bonds	39.5	42.5	..
93.30	83.10	Gilt Edged (f)	86.80	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (40)	81.6	..	..
125.8	75.4	3 Way Fnd (40)	94.2	..	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd.			
		41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
144.6	73.0	Equity Fnd	141.6	149.1	..
113.5	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	112.1	118.1	..
107.3	100.0	Property Fnd	107.3	113.0	..
101.7	93.6	Cash Fnd	101.7	107.1	..
102.4	73.9	Managed Fnd	101.4	106.8	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
136.9	100.0	Capital Growth	136.1	..	..
94.4	[illegible]	Flexible Fnd	76.0	..	..
100.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	96.9	..	..
131.9	68.3	Prop Fnd	68.5	..	..
98.7	71.4	Money Maker	73.0	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd.			
		1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I.			
89.0	35.7	Capital Trust	89.0	93.0	2.10
95.5	89.6	Eastern Int	89.6	93.7	..
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37806			
99.6	60.3	Europ'n Ster Tst	92.9	98.4	3.81
		Barclay Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd.			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey.			
44.9	[illegible]	Jer Guer O'seas	44.3	46.6	12.16
10.0	10.0	Unidollar Tst $	9.5	10.0	5.80
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M.			
66.7	34.8	Aust Ext Tst	44.9	48.6	4.06
34.1	13.0	Aust Min Tst	24.1	25.8	[illegible]
59.4	40.0	Isle Of Man Tst	45.0	47.4	9.70
43.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	21.7	23.4	[illegible]
		Brandts & Grindley (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	104.0	113.0	6.31
159.0	88.0	Do Accum	126.0	135.0	[illegible]
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.84	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	63.19	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		80 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.			
825.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	780.0	855.0	1.96
633.0	518.0	Canadian Fnd	593.0	650.0	1.96
301.0	238.0	Canadian Inv	286.0	324.0	[illegible]
200.0	140.0	Div Shares	191.0	210.0e	[illegible]
734.0	489.0	Ny Venture Fnd	668.0	773.0	1.54
		Charterhouse Japhet.			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
31.90	24.30	Adiropa DM	28.50	30.00	7.67
34.50	29.20	Adiverba DM	40.50	42.10	[illegible]
33.50	25.30	Fondak DM	30.40	32.00	[illegible]
25.10	18.90	Fondis DM	22.70	23.90	[illegible]
69.29	56.50	Hispano $	57.77	60.88	1.61
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	81.0	Int Cap Man (20)	138.0	150.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey).			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey.			
194.4	111.5	Channel Cap	182.4	192.0	3.16
102.8	84.6	Channel Isles	93.6	98.5	[illegible]
		Eurosyndicat Group.			
		Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons.			
		New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4.			
1.786	1.382	Eurunion Luxfr	1.724	1.786	..
839.0	283.0	Fin Union Luxfr	324.0	337.0	..
		First General Unit Managers.			
		91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.			
50.3	34.2	Bnk I 1st Gen (3)	48.3	50.8	[illegible]
116.4	100.3	Do Gilt (2)	108.6	113.2	[illegible]
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey.			
115.9	62.0	Channel Isle	100.1	106.7	[illegible]
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne BN 21 4UT.			
111.1	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	106.1	112.0	..
105.6	100.0	Do Equity	99.9	106.3	..
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.			
		Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.43	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.26	1.34	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd.			
		8 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M.			
25.0	17.4	Int Income (3)	20.1	21.4	[illegible]
57.1	27.9	Do Growth (10)	57.1	60.6	[illegible]
		Manx International Management.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M.			
155.9	87.0	Gtr Pacific	118.9	124.9	..
46.3	34.5	Manx Int Inc	37.6	40.3e	[illegible]
102.1	71.1	Sch Growth (27)	73.7	74.4	..
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
96.6	58.8	Island Fnd †	80.7	85.7e	[illegible]
130.6	70.1	Do Accum †	103.0	109.3	[illegible]
1.88	1.20	Atlantic Exp $	1.66	1.79	..
2.36	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.42	1.53	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey.			
45.4	34.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	37.6	39.7e	..
103.9	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	97.5	103.7	..
102.3	84.1	Smaller Co's	94.8	100.9	..
		Oliver Heath & Co.			
		31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M.			
109.5	81.9	Brit Conv Tst	96.8	101.8	..
104.1	89.4	Cap Sec'd Res	104.7	110.2	..
116.8	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	106.8	112.5	..
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 266			
124.3	110.0	Gib Inv Tst	116.1	124.5	..
125.5	99.1	Key City Inv	101.3	107.7	..
78.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	28.3	[illegible]	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd.			
		2 Grange, Pl, St Peter Port, Guernsey			
69.9	32.3	Worldwide	64.3	..	..
		Slater Walker (Jersey).			
		2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey.			
258.8	135.7	Growth Inv	219.4	237.3	..
61.3	43.9	Int'l Fnd	58.0	62.7	..
143.3	100.0	Jersey Energy	137.8	139.2	[illegible]
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd.			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.03	0.43	Offshore $	0.56	0.59	..
		Tyndall Group.			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.27	0.91	O'seas Dist (3) $	1.09	1.15	6.00
1.55	1.12	Do Accum (3) $	1.42	1.51	6.00
2.75	1.88	3-Way Int $	2.18	..	..
		Tyndall Group.			
		43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey.			
100.0	78.6	Int Man Fnd	84.0	90.0	..
12.60	5.65	O'seas Ster (3) £	6.90	7.35e	6.00
12.45	7.00	Do Accum (3) £	9.05	9.55	6.00

● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Ex dividend. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Oct 22. (9) Oct 21. (10) Oct 31. (14) Nov 3. (15) Oct 22. (16) Oct 28. (18) Nov 11. (19) Oct 22. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 3rd Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 15th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 10th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 2nd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	26	Armitage & Rhodes	27	—	3.0	11.1	3.0
98	94	Deborah Services	96	—	7.5	7.8	5.1
131	90	Henry Sykes	131	—	4.9	3.8	8.7
61	18	Twinlock Ord	20	—	0.9	4.6	4.9
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	66	+1	12.0	18.2	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Gilt-edged firm and equity shares rally from early falls

The City took a second look at the September trade figures yesterday—and the overnight gains in share prices were clipped by profit-taking sales.

But the underlying tone of equities remained firm and prices rallied in late dealings when the market moved effectively into the new trading account. The *FT* Index, down to 341.2 at mid-afternoon, ended the session at 342.4, a net loss of 1.8.

Some surprise was expressed when the total of marked bargains was disclosed. The total of 7,200—the highest for about a month — certainly belied yesterday's activity, which was thin. But the total includes the late dealings on the previous evening when the market was responding vigorously to the announcement of the trade figures for September.

But the amplified turnover statistics for Tuesday show that equity deals by value were worth only £48.2m—lower than on most days in the previous week.

Quite good activity was experienced in the gilt-edged market yesterday, particularly in the low-coupon stocks which rose by about ½ point. However, after the news of a prime rate cut by a minor United States bank, attention turned to the 1980 stocks, which rose by an ⅛ to 3-16 point in after-hours dealings.

In the long-dated market, dealers again reported switching into the "tap" stock out of the high-coupon "longs". Trading in this sector was rather quieter than on the previous day, dealers reported. Prices were largely unchanged, although the "tap" stock was looking firmer.

The weakest section in equities was again the property pitch, where fears of liquidity difficulties have been reviving for some weeks past. This is the season for renewal—or rolling-over—bank loans to the property majors, and recent developments at First National Finance and at the Crown Agents have disturbed the stock market.

Selling of property shares was not heavy yesterday but there were widespread falls. Capital & Counties dipped to 12½p, Haslemere Estates to 181p and even Land Securities, by general agreement the favourite of the major investors, shed 5p to 168p. A dull feature at first was Town & Commercial. But news of a £4m property sale in Jamaica and the United Kingdom steadied the shares to 9p, a net 3p off. The news helped the rest of the property sector, although dealers suggested that there was little substance in the rally.

The industrial leaders drifted down during the session, but rallied at the close. Trading in these major stocks remains thin but jobbers' books now seem to be weighed towards a bull trend —a healthy change over the past few weeks.

Dunlop, at 57p, provided a firm spot among the heavy industrials. But the price had slipped back from an earlier level of 59p and turnover was unexciting. Glaxo Hldgs saw fresh selling as the results were digested and the shares closed at the day's low of 343p, down 10p.

But ICI, finally 3p off at 290p, had rallied from 289p, Bats at 312p had touched 310p Reed International (224p) closed 4p off, with the interim report now in view, while fellow papermaker Bowater provided a firm feature at 170p.

The disclosure that Swan Hunter, the North Eastern shipbuilder, faces serious redundancy problems, took the shares down to 61p, the net fall of 8p representing further selling by nervous holders.

But other heavy engineers recovered quite well from some initial profit-taking. GKN, shed 2p to 221p, while Tube Investments (270p) and Vickers (132p) closed unchanged on the day. Pilkington Brothers, so often an indication of industrial confidence, dipped 7p to 274p, however.

Metal Box shaded cautiously to 248p after the news of board reorganization. A slack day's trade left shares in Babcock & Wilcox just 1p off at 67p.

On the shipping pitch, shares in Furness Withy eased to 225p with the speculators still convinced that there will be further bid moves from across the Atlantic. Ocean Transport held on to their recent gain, but P & O gave up a penny.

The heavy electricals did well to close with only penny losses. Plessey (71p) and GEC (126p) both depressed recently by the GPO cutbacks, saw little trade.

On the consumer side, Thorn (198p) were a weak feature after warnings from the industry of the grim state of trading. Rediffusion lost 1p after reporting lower profits.

But EMI, 1p down at 219p, were still a firm favourite on the hopes of further success in the medical field for the X-ray scanner.

Interim results from British Home Stores were a mild disappointment for the market and the shares, which had moved between 343p and 345p during the session, slipped in late dealings to close at 340p, a net 6p off.

Equity turnover on Tuesday was worth £48.2m (15,715 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Shell, IC Gas new, P & O, Royal Ins, BP, Grand Metropolitan new, Courtaulds, Bats and Bowater.

Royal Commission rumours and the stakes held by GRA and Hutchison oppress the shares in J. Coral, but it is thought that the group had an excellent third quarter. Observers hope for profits of about £6m this year against 1974's £4.6m.

Shares in Raybeck dipped to 61p on the news of a £1.8m rights issue, but recovered strongly as investors remembered the chairman's optimistic statement in September. At 63p, the shares closed a net 4p higher.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
British Home Strs (25p) Int	4.01	3.42	2/1	—	6.94
Geo M. Callender (10p) Int	0.5	0.5	14/11	—	1.70
City of Oxford Inv Tst (25p) Int	0.52	0.52	29/11	—	2.19
E. Fogarty (25p) Int	1.0	1.0	—	—	3.38
Hawker Marris (25p) Int	1.48	1.39	11/12	—	4.99
Henden-Stuart (10p) Int	0.5	0.4	2/2	2.29	1.64†
Joviel Props (10p) Int	Nil	1.0	—	—	1.0
Kalamazoo (10p) Fin	0.86	0.90	8/12	1.57	1.57
Legal & Gen Ass (5p) Int	1.7	1.6	—	—	4.36*
Le Vallonet (25p) Fin	1.5	1.5	9/1	1.5	1.5
McNeill (25p) Int	0.91	0.91	28/11	—	2.61
Prov Life Ass Lon (25p) Int	3.0	2.7	1/1	—	6.12
Ramar Textiles (5p) Fin	0.51	0.48	6/12	0.51	0.48
'W' Ribbons (10p) Fin	1.07	1.0	5/1	1.87	1.75
Robeco (Florins) Int	7.40	7.40	22/10	—	7.40
Secs Trst of Scot (25p) Int	1.75	1.75	15/12	—	4.70
Sun Life Ass (5p) Fin	1.19	1.21	31/12	2.53	2.36
United Real Prop (25p) Fin	2.00	1.88	27/11	2.75	3.51
Wilmot-Breeden (25p) Int	0.65	0.65	1/1	—	1.45
Wire & Plas Prods (10p) Int	0.7	0.6	2/1	—	1.62†

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * On increased capital. † Adjusted for scrip.

Maiden interim figures from Legal & Gen but no comparison

By Anthony Rowley

Legal and General, Britain's second-largest life assurance group after the Prudential, announces operating profits of £4.7m for the first half of 1975 against £9.5m in the whole of 1974. This is the first time that the group has produced interim profit figures, and no corresponding figures for 1974 are given.

The latest figures are struck after a £2m loss on general insurance underwriting, a £2.2m profit on life assurance and pensions business, investment income of £4.3m and expenses and taxation of £0.8m.

The underwriting loss arose mainly overseas, including an exceptional loss of £1.3m in South Africa. United Kingdom general insurance underwriting experience improved, and worldwide general insurance premiums rose 27 per cent to £43.5m. Individual life business reached record levels, with new premiums rising 36 per cent to £8.7m. New premiums for pensions and group life business rose 11 per cent to £24.1m.

An interim dividend of 1.7p net (2.615p gross) is being paid on the share capital as increased by the recent rights issue. This compares with last year's interim dividend of 1.6p net (2.38p gross).

Sun Life Assurance, another leading life group, declares a final dividend of 1.198p net, as forecast, for the current financial year. This brings the total dividends for 1975 up to 2.534p net, or 3.898p gross, and represents the maximum permissible increase.

A third life assurance group, Provident Life Association of London, announces a doubling in annual premiums in the first nine months of 1975—from £0.98m to £1.86m—and a rise from £190,000 to £550,000 in single premiums. New sums assured reached £110.4m against £47.8m in the first nine months of last year, and £74m for the whole of 1974.

On general insurance, United Kingdom premiums income fell by 10 per cent to £1.45m in the first half of this year reflecting the running off of certain marine insurance treaties. Other classes of United Kingdom general underwriting deteriorated though this was offset by a rise in interest income. Provident has declared a 3p net interim dividend (4.62p gross) against 2.7p and expects to increase total dividends by the maximum permitted this year.

Joviel moving out of the red

On a day when the stock market stirred on talk of liquidity problems in property Joviel Properties affirmed that it still has the support of its main lenders, and that its working capital requirements are fully covered.

Even so, this builder of both residential and commercial properties turned in a pre-tax loss of £725,000, against a profit of £251,000, in the half year to January 31; and there is no dividend against 1p. The main drain on profits was an almost doubled interest charge of £638,000, and exceptional items and provisions up from £327,000 to £541,000.

No provision has been made for a contingent liability of £575,000 in respect of guarantees of an associated company's borrowings. Any liability is disputed, and the board considers no loss to the company should arise.

Mr D. Byrne, chairman, predicts a second-half trading loss, but it is likely to be much smaller than in the first six months. He adds that the following year should see a return to profits. In line with the rest of the sector the shares eased.

BTR now offers 30p

BTR has bid more for Permali. The 24½p a share offer is raised to 30p cash or double the 15p market value of the shares on September 2, the day before the bid.

The share alternative is also sweetened by the addition of a cash sum on the basis that one BTR share will be offered for every six Permali. BTR claims that the offer represents an increase of 93 per cent over the market price for Permali on September 2.

Permali, a Gloucester-based specialist engineer, spurned the original £3.2m offer.

Gerrard, Smith cheer

Gerrard & National Discount, the discount house, plans to pay the most allowed for the full year to next April. No forecast is made, but profits remained high despite a 2 per cent rise in the minimum lending rate in the first half year. The shares duly rose 7p to 255p yesterday. The dividend goes up from 4.25p to 4.62p.

At Smith St Aubyn (Holdings) the same factors left the group with satisfactory profits for the half year to last September. They are "similar" to this time last year. The interim rises from 2.47p to 2.61p gross.

Raybeck 'rights' to raise £1.8m

The Raybeck men's and ladies' wear group proposes a one-for-one rights issue at 10p to raise about £1.8m. The shares stand at 59p. The issue is not to be underwritten.

The board says that the time is right to strengthen the balance sheet so that the group will be well placed to continue its policy of internal expansion, and also to take advantage of expansion opportunities.

In the last financial year, about £3.2m was spent on new fixed assets

The new ordinary shares will not rank for the interim of 1.26p, to be declared in January, but will qualify for the final of 2.58p giving a forecast total of 3.84p, against 3.78p gross.

Kalamazoo warning on true profits

Trading has become much harder recently at Kalamazoo, specialists in business systems and services. Mr T. Morland, the chairman says that unless there is an improvement in orders profits will be "seriously affected".

Meanwhile pre-tax profits for the year to August 1, are up from £1.97m to £2.1m, and earnings a share from 2.4p to 2.6p. Adjusting for inflation on Sandilands Committee lines gives a profit of only £1.8m, and earnings a share of 2.2p.

Bejam turnover up

In his annual review, Mr John Apthorp, chairman of Bejam Stores, says turnover is well up and new stores opened in the past year are now contributing strongly to profits. He says the board believes profits will justify, if allowed, a big increase in the total dividend. Half the group's branches are now working a six-day week and capital was boosted by a £2.5m payment from the National Freight Corporation reflecting a deal over the cold store at Milton Keynes.

Bigger dividends by Hewden-Stuart

Shareholders of the Hewden-Stuart Plant group are both to receive an interim dividend of 0.77p, against 0.74p, adjusted for a scrip issue and are promised a total for the year of 3.53p, against equal to 2.44p. Treasury consent has been obtained.

Pre-tax profits of this plant-hire group spurted from £1.27m to £1.59m for the half year to August 3 and earnings a share reached 7.14p (5.89p). The second half has started well.

Bandanga to buy Purbeck for £355,000

Tea planter and security dealer, Bandanga Holdings has conditionally agreed to buy Purbeck Ceramics for £355,000. On completion, Bandanga will pay £267,000, the rest on November 1, 1976. Bandanga says the acquisition will give it a broader spread and reduce the company's dependence on tea. Purbeck's net assets at June 30 were £240,000 and pre-tax profits for the 18 months to then were running at £191,000 a year. Yesterday morning Bandanga's shares were temporarily suspended pending details of the bid.

United Real eases

Pre-tax profits of United Real Property Trust eased from £1.42m to £1.30m in the year to April 5. This includes a share in profits from associated units of £46,000 against £45,000.

TOWN & COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
Sold a property in Kingston, Jamaica, part of its holding at Tubs Hill, Sevenoaks and other smaller properties for more than £4m.

YORKSHIRE FINE WOOLLEN
Turnover for first half of 1975, £1.06m (£1.13m). Pre-tax profit, £17,000 (loss, £34,000). Profitability has been maintained to date and should continue to end of year, board reports.

HAWKER MARRIS
Pre-tax profit in half-year to June 30, £29,000 (£63,000) on sales of £1.06m (£937,000). Company looks forward to better results in second half.

MONITOR HOLIDAYS
At annual meeting change of name from Monitor Holidays to Warner Holidays was sanctioned, effective October 23.

LONDON SCOTTISH FINANCE
Pre-tax profit £310,800 (£298,700) on turnover £2.31m (£2.51m). Final dividend 1.54p holds year's total at 2.61p.

NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITIES
Pre-tax net revenue for year to September 30, £521,000 (£595,000). Total payment raised from 2.68p gross to 2.85p gross.

"W" RIBBONS HOLDINGS
Turnover (not including associates) for year to end-June, £4.65m (£4.3m). Pre-tax profit, £429,000 (£430,000), including associates' profit of £25,000 (loss of £57,000). Dividend total raised from 2.61p gross to 2.87p gross.

RECEIVER FOR ORGAN FIRMS
Mr W. G. Mackey, partner in Whinney Murray, appointed receiver of Southern Organs (International), Southern Organs (Kent), Miller Organs and Rawson and Sparfield.

CHARTERHALL BUYS MORE CCP STOCK
Charterhall has agreed to acquire from Glencraig Developments another 17,000 CCP ordinary shares for £462,000 by issuing 1.1m new 5p shares, after taking up with Cluff Oil almost a quarter of the shares in CCP's recent £1.7m rights issue.

PEKO-WALLSEND
Peko-Wallsend produced 2,029 tonnes of copper in the September quarter, compared with 5,948 tonnes. Coal output was also down —from 151,986 to 97,188 tonnes, as a result of labour disputes.

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL
Tokyo, Oct 15.—Shimura Kako Co has agreed to International Nickel Co of Canada (Inco) raising its stake in Shimura to 45 per cent from 30 per cent through an increase in capital to 3,900m yen (about £6.3m) from 3,075m yen (about £5m), all of which will be allotted to Inco.

SHANGANI NICKEL
The Shangani Nickel mine, part of "Johnnies" group, has begun production two years after decision to proceed with mine at a capital cost of about $20m (Rhodesian). Planned build-up to plant's capacity of 75,000 tonnes a month should be achieved early in 1976.

HAMERSLEY HOLDINGS
Hamersley Holdings, Australia's largest iron ore producer in which Cousinc Rio Tinto has a majority stake, boosted net earnings by nearly 9 per cent to A$8.13m for the third quarter. Higher prices and foreign exchange gains were partly offset by the shipment of a lower volume of ore.

W. A. TYZACK
Pre-tax profit for year to July 31 up from £397,000 to £548,000. As known, dividend total raised from 2.36p gross to 2.65p.

RAMAR TEXTILES
Turnover for 53 weeks to May 2, £5.55m (£4.04m). Pre-tax profit, £244,000 (£254,000). Dividend, 0.794p gross (0.721p).

Issued on behalf of The Anglo-Thai Corporation Limited by Arbuthnot Latham & Co., Limited

Every single shareholder in Anglo-Thai should ask himself whether he should accept shares in a company where:

- you have been given no information on its current profit position although an important subsidiary, Inchcape Berhad, has announced a decline of £4.5 million in interim profits for 1975/76 and announced that there will be terminal losses on the closure of certain joint ventures.
- borrowings have continued to increase to the point where at 31st August, 1975 they amounted to £167 million, representing more than twice shareholders' funds.
- its share price has fallen by 55p since the original announcement and the offer now values each Anglo-Thai ordinary share at only 143p compared with 166p at the time of the announcement.
- your dividend income will be half that of your income from Anglo-Thai.

The Board of Anglo-Thai has rejected the Inchcape offer on all grounds and Inchcape has not in any way refuted the arguments against the bid.

We, the Board of Anglo-Thai Corporation Limited don't think you should.

We say REJECT the Inchcape offer.

THE ANGLO-THAI CORPORATION LIMITED

A Committee of the Board of Anglo-Thai has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed herein are fair and accurate and no material factors or considerations have been omitted, when read in conjunction with the circular to shareholders dated 1 October, 1975. All Directors of Anglo-Thai jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

ELKOM GOLD MINING OMPANY LIMITED

d Capital: 12 250 000 shares of 50 cents each

INED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975 (Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
ATING RESULTS			
mined	543 000	515 000	2 096 000
—g/t	6.49	6.58	6.70
produced—kg	3 522	3 387	14 050
nue per ton milled	R35.08	R29.45	R20.00
per ton milled	R17.22	R17.36	R16.30
per ton milled	R7.85	R6.10	R6.70
nue	R13 617 000	R12 068 000	R52 417 000
	R8 267 000	R8 927 000	R34 174 000
	R4 260 000	R3 141 000	R18 243 000
NCIAL RESULTS			
ing profit—Gold	R4 260 000	R3 141 000	R18 243 000
undry revenue	169 000	530 000	1 205 000
before taxation and State's of profit	4 429 000	3 671 000	19 448 000
ion and State's share of profit estimated	1 611 000	1 094 000	7 895 000
after tax and State's share estimated	R2 818 000	R2 577 000	R11 555 000
al expenditure	R932 000	R1 122 000	R4 075 000
ends declared—amount	R3 062 000	—	Rs 737 000
—per share	25 cents	—	35 cents

ELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
area							
reef							
1	1 005	70	31.8	21.92	0.41	697	13.10
2	1 971	288	29.4	30.55	0.56	895	16.72
3	1 110	122	9.0	286.78	5.26	2 301	39.35
ter ended mber 1975	3 789	480	20.6	54.81	0.83	1 129	17.01
ter ended 1975	3 956	364	14.6	94.52	1.11	1 377	16.23
ended mber 1975	16 597	1 942	16.5	62.42	0.91	1 030	14.98
reef							
1	519	288	65.9	6.13	0.07	404	4.93
ter ended mber 1975	519	228	65.9	6.13	0.07	404	4.93
ter ended 1975	291	122	130.9	0.99	0.04	130	5.56
ended mber 1975	1 278	540	115.2	2.62	0.06	302	6.77
er reef	211	160	100.8	4.51	0.37	455	37.24
ter ended mber 1975	211	160	100.8	4.51	0.37	455	37.24
ter ended 1975	188	144	104.3	2.00	0.10	209	10.55
ended mber 1975	666	568	88.5	3.50	0.25	310	21.69

RESERVES (Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
June 1975	R5 100	5 500 000	116.9	11.34	1 314
	R5 500	6 653 000	116.9	10.98	1 902
	R4 000	7 613 000	117.8	9.55	1 125
June 1974	R3 000	7 497 000	116.7	9.56	1 116

TAL EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
ts placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 lled R3 165 000.
ANIUM (See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. B. HOFFE
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

October 1975

ESTERN HOLDINGS LIMITED

d Capital. 7 496 376 shares of 50 cents each

INED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975 (Note 1)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1975	Quarter ended June 1975	Year ended Sept. 1975
RATING RESULTS			
milled	780 000	768 000	2 943 000
—g/t	13.47	15.91	14.01
produced—kg	10 507	10 681	41 240
nue per ton milled	R51.62	R50.00	R51.13
per ton milled	R15.97	R15.04	R14.98
per ton milled	R35.65	R34.96	R36.17
nue	R40 264 000	R38 311 000	R150 433 000
	R12 456 000	R11 553 000	R43 991 000
	R27 808 000	R26 848 000	R106 442 000
NCIAL RESULTS			
ing profit—Gold	R27 808 000	R26 848 000	R106 442 000
undry revenue	1 369 000	1 733 000	5 991 000
before taxation and State's are of profit	29 177 000	28 581 000	112 435 000
ion and State's share of fit—estimated	18 126 000	17 796 000	69 918 000
after tax and State's share—imated	R11 051 000	R10 785 000	R42 515 000
al expenditure	R2 015 000	R1 448 000	R6 163 000
ends declared—amount	R18 741 000	—	R35 608 000
—per share	250 cents	—	475 cents

LOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
area							
reef							
	1 511	1h	55.3	148.18	0.48	7 868	25.60
	1 835	102	7.5	191.54	0.64	1 523	11.24
	1 194	354	78.0	16.33	0.15	1 274	9.99
	3 164	392	8.5	260.60	2.31	2 165	19.14
r ended ber 1975	8 304	664	55.6	56.54	0.41	2 015	14.62
r ended 1975	7 683	958	45.1	85.35	0.45	2 089	11.18
nded ber 1975	30 745	4 046	26.5	74.08	0.43	1 963	11.36
reef							
	504	74	1188.9	7.10	0.34	1 635	78.56
	165	248	215.1	1.65	0.04	350	8.36
	327	250	186.8	3.40	0.10	448	18.71
ended ber 1975	1 096	568	205.0	2.75	0.11	563	22.05
nded 975	1 778	842	178.8	2.67	0.10	477	17.62
nded ber 1975	5 646	2 722	174.8	3.21	0.12	561	20.82

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reef							
ended ber 1975	—	8	113.7	11.51	0.08	1 302	8.84
ended 975	73	40	55.2	25.71	0.11	1 408	5.85
nded ber 1975	73	46	62.8	22.31	0.10	1 395	6.24

ESERVES (See Note 2)

	Based on gold price per kilogram	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
ne 1975	R5 100	8 934 000	118.4	15.48	2 707
	R5 500	4 807 000	116.4	18.48	2 307
	R4 000	10 173 000	120.1	14.69	2 125
ne 1974	R5 000	9 885 000	120.5	17.62	2 111

L EXPENDITURE (See Note 1)
placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1975 R2 388 000.

ES CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED
n is drawn to the report published in conjunction herewith on the ns of Freddies Consolidated, all the issued shares in which are held in roportions by this company and Free State Geduld Mines Limited.

URANIUM (See Note 3)

For and on behalf of the board
D. B. HOFFE
G. Y. NISBET } Directors

tober 1975

ORANGE FREE STATE MINES

customary at this time of the year to present to shareholders the tonnage grade forecasts for the ensuing year and also the estimated capital enditure. However, because of the implications of the fluctuating gold e and the recent devaluation of the Rand further studies must be completed before the planned production and capital expenditure estimates can published. Accordingly, it is now the intention to include the relevant rmation in the annual reports of the companies to be issued towards the of December 1975.

ore reserves at 30th June 1975 as shown are based on three separate price levels in order to indicate the implications of fluctuating prices.

1st August 1975 a joint company announcement was published in the s by the above mentioned gold mining companies concerning the decision Commission the President Brand uranium plant and the agreement in ciple reached for the supply by the respective mining companies, as icable, of material to be treated in that uranium plant.

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Notice of Extension of Deadline

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 0053329 of 1975

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the matter of FAT CIGAR MUSIC COMPANY Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act 1948 to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 10th day of October, 1975, presented to the said Court by Clifford George Adams, of 77, Westbourne Park Road, London, W.2, a Company Director and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 10th day of November, 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

CLINTONS,
55-58 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. Petitioners' Solicitors.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Notice in writing of his intention so to do. The Notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their Solicitors (if any) and must be served or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 7th day of November, 1975.

In the Matter of WARDAR PLUMBING AND HEATING Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, dated the 30th day of November 1973, MR. MICHAEL GORDON VICTOR RADCLIFFE, Chartered Accountant, of 12 Portland Street, Southampton, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company, WITH a Committee of INSPECTION.

Dated this 6th day of October 1975.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Company Number 971510

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In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of HEENAN BEDDOW DEVELOPMENTS Ltd. Registered Office and Business Address: 18 King Street, London, S.W.1.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 5-7 Eastcheap, London, E.C.3 on 31st October, 1975 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 et seq of the said Act.

Dated this 8th day of October 1975.

By Order of the Board
R. G. CARTER,
Director.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

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A copy of the Notice of Meeting sent to the Registered Holders of the Stock, with the proposed Resolution set out therein, together with explanatory documents can be obtained from Messrs. Speechly Bircham, 190 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2HX.

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Closing date 31 October 1975.

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University of Western Australia

PERTH

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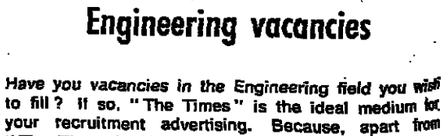
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225	50	Ocean Trans	124	..	9.6n	7.9	12.6
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	100	-1½	8.1	8.1	..
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130	110	LET Hldgs	119	h ..	3.1	2.6	..
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	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
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Largest Coys.	142.79	6.56	12.54	144.39
Smaller Coys.	141.97	7.50	15.19	142.33
Capital Goods	138.35	7.40	16.55	139.47
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Commodity shares	224.54	4.41	10.54	225.18
Gold Mining shares	492.38	8.93	10.56	484.85
Industrial debenture stocks	77.88	8.60*	—	77.58
Industrial preference stocks	48.59	15.16*	—	48.57
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	High		Low	
All-time	198.47	(15.08.72)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1975	150.16	(05.06.75)	61.42	(08.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1973	189.33	(12.01.73)	120.98	(14.12.73)
1972	198.47	(15.08.72)	174.48	(10.01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	123.25	(02.03.71)
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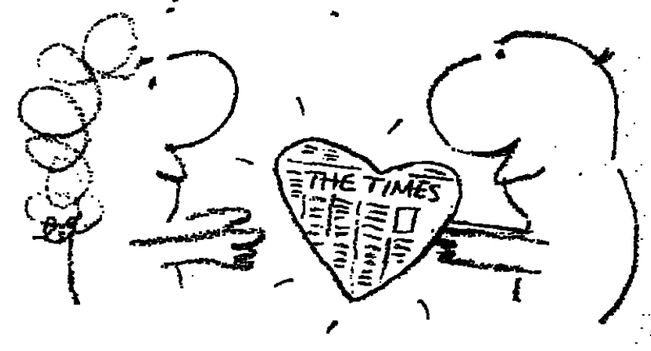
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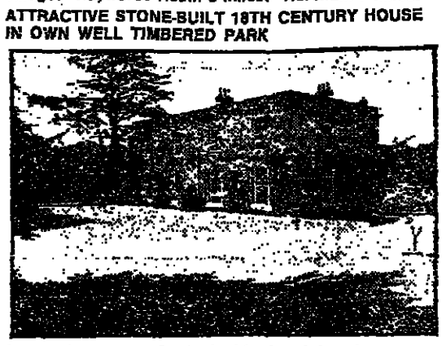
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DOWRICK.—On October 11th, to Jeanie (née Fox) and Chris—a daughter (Elizabeth Rachel), 29 Claremont Road, London, N.6.

GAYWOOD.—On Saturday, 11th October, at Stirling Royal Infirmary, to Janet and Jeremy—a daughter, now a quartet.

KING.—On 13th October to Alison (née Todd) and Fergus, at home, a son Robert Alexander, a brother for Alasdair Robin.

PONSONBY.—On October 13th, at Westminster Hospital, to Alison (née Storey) and Myles Ponsonby —a daughter.

ROEBER.—On 13th October at West London Hospital, to Anne (née Fletcher) and Joe—a daughter (Lucy Kate), a half-sister for Nicolas, Bruno, James and Conrad.

ROYALL.—On October 13th at Queen Elizabeth Maternity Unit, King's Lynn, to Jonte (née Thompson) and Martyn—a son (Jack Holm), a brother for Anna Rebecca.

STEEL.—On October 15th to Anne and William Steel—a son.

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MARRIAGES

LIBBEY : BOLGER.—On September 27th, at North Bay, Ontario, Canada, Dr Edward T. Libbey, of King's Lynn, to Dianne Sharon Bolger, B.A., of North Bay.

RONEY-DOUGAL : HELLEMAN.—On October 11th, quietly at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, Richard Ian, only son of Lt-Col. and Mrs. I. Roney-Dougal, to Annlouise, daughter of Mr. Nicolaas Helleman and Mrs. A. Cook.

DEATHS

BADCOCK.—On October 13th, 1975, Paul Badcock, F.R.I.B.A., of Cobham, Surrey, aged 88 years. Son of the late John, husband of Torfrida, father of Julian and grandfather of Ashley, Jane and Alice. Cremation Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Today 4 p.m.

BEAUMONT.—On October 11th, 1975, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Godfrey Cullingford Beaumont (Beau), aged 77, of "Yockley", Bakeham Lane, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. Funeral service at Woking Crematorium, Thursday, October 16th, 3.30 p.m.

DINGLEY.—On October 11th, Eric Gordon Dingley, F.R.C.S. (Ed.), of Epp Haven, late of Leamington Spa, dearly beloved husband of Eileen and father of Tony. Funeral Thursday, 16th October. Service at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, at 3.00 p.m. No flowers please.

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FEARON, ROGER.—October 14th, at University College Hospital, London, aged 35. Funeral enquiries Ware (0920) 821010. No flowers, please; donations to friends of U.C.H. welcomed.

GOWING.—On October 13th, at Soncourt Nursing Home, Sheringham, Marjorie Wynn, dearest sister of Phyllida and Barbara, after a long illness stoically borne. Family flowers only. Funeral and cremation private.

MARSHALL.—On October 14th, 1975, at Blakesley Vicarage, Towcester, Northants, Dorothy Gladys, wife of the Right Reverend Guy Marshall, mother of John, Peter, Ann and Michael. Funeral service at Blakesley Church, on Monday, October 20th, at 11.15 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

NIELD.—On the 14th October at The Stable House, Christleton, Chester—Beryl Olivia—sister of Lois Dickson and Basil Nield. No flowers, gifts if desired to N.S.P.C.C., Cheshire Branch, c/o 1 Riding House Street, London, W.1. Funeral private.

OSBORNE.—On Oct. 13th, 1975, peacefully at his home, Derek John Osborne, J.P., of 21 Alderton Hill, Loughton, Essex, darling husband of Lin, adored father of Elizabeth and Valerie, father-in-law of Ian and most loving grandpa to Anna and Alexander. Funeral at St Johns Church, Buckhurst Hill, on Tuesday, October 21st, at 10.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers please by his request.

PORTER.—On 14th October, 1975, Elsie Lillie, of 57 Fountain House, Park Street, London, W.1, wife of the late Albert Renfrew Porter, and mother of Joyce, John and Susan. Funeral strictly private. No letters, please.

SIMKINS.—On October 11th, Edward Allan, M.B.E., in a Bristol Hospital.

STICKINGS.—On 15th October, 1975, very peacefully in hospital, aged 78, Dora Sybil, widow of Ralph W. E. Stickings, O.B.E., loving and dearly loved mother of Ewart (died 1969), Brian, (killed in action 1943), Tony (now living in Canada) and Margaret (in Ethiopia) much loved and admired mother-in-law of Agnes, Jean and Geoffrey. And a proud and devoted grandma and great grandma. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, 2 p.m. on Monday, October 20th. At her special request family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research or UNICEF.

SULLIVAN.—On 14 October, peacefully in hospital, Michael Douglas Desmond Sullivan, aged 82, of Clare Park, Nr. Farnham, Surrey, dearly loved husband of the late Maude and father of Pat and David. Cremation private. No flowers, please.

THISTLE SUFFERN.—On October 13, at his home in Laleham, Roy, dearly loved husband of Ruby father of Peter. Cremation at Woking, 2.30 p.m. on Friday. Only family flowers, but donations if desired, to Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

TOMPSETT. ALAN LESLIE.—Suddenly, on 10th October, in Belgium. Much loved husband of Frances and father of Fiona, Nicholas and Christopher.

TOTTON.—On 14th October, Mary, widow of Captain H. K. Totton, R.N. Funeral, Great Sampford Church, at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 20th.

WHEELER.—On October 13th, 1975, peacefully after a long, bravely borne illness, Audrey Violet (née Horn). Cremation at Chichester on Friday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. Flowers to Chilbolton Church by 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, October 21st, for interment service.

WILSON.—On October 14th, in a nursing home, Arthur Wilson, M.P.S., aged 90, of The Holt, High St., Lindfield, Sussex. Dear father of Joan and grandfather of Helen and Corinne. Cremation private. No flowers, by request, but donations, if desired, to The York Minster Fund, York.

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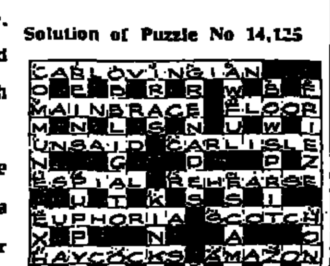
ACROSS

1 Derrick's bird (5).
4 Plant much sought after by the French (9).
9 He's in "The Bull" with a lexicon (9).
10 Mascot for colonel and ranker? About right (5).
11 A rich land, has our troubled Caliph (6-2-7).
12 "The world's mine ——" (*Merry Wives*) (6).
14 One of the few, vis-à-vis the many (8).
17 Student trying his level best (8).
19 Acid found in aspic, rice, etc? (6).
22 A capital place to observe hangings (10, 5).
24 Illicit profit made in the nursery? (5).
25 Gunners have one in a case, emitting rays (9).
26 Laertes was justly killed with his own (9).
27 Drink to give a convict with hesitation (5).

DOWN

1 Land a perch for the sheriff's officer (9).
2 Mohammedan prince has a lake, we hear (5).
3 Obliteration is certain after a long period (7).
4 Left a student at the entrance (6).
5 Marner, perhaps, before a cry for mercy (8).
6 Duly many cut out (7).
7 Whither Beatrice would infect, said Benedick (5, 4).
8 One landed north of the Border (5).
13 It provides a link between certain stories (9).
15 No hush-hush criminal? (9).
16 Dish, for example, recked badly (8).
18 Foolish, as Dostoevsky's hero (7).
20 Abraham's son cooked his meal (7).
21 Solomon's birthday (6).
22 A morsel, say, at the seaside? (5).
23 Availing oneself of gun is wrong (5).

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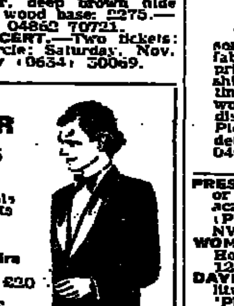
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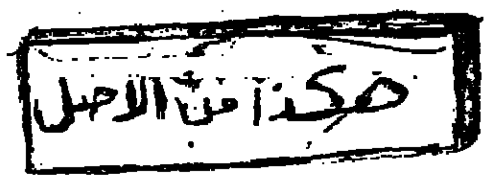
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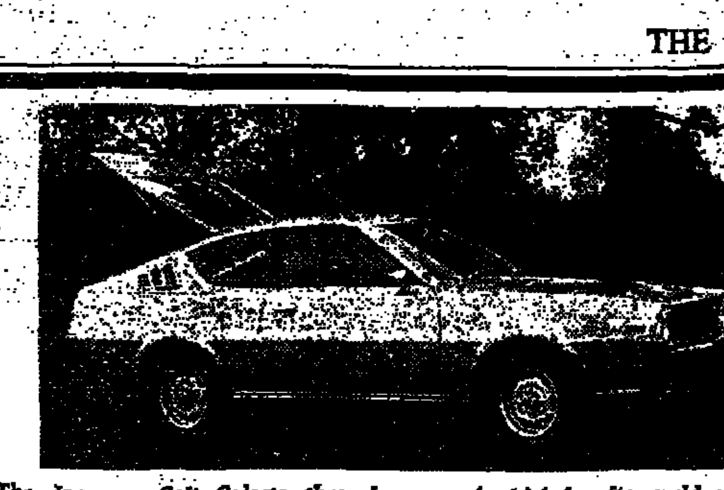
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The Japanese Colt Celeste three-door coupé which has its world premiere at the London Motor Show.

[I hav]e often wondered about the [point of] going to the Motor Show when all the cars could be seen in less discomfort at a dealer's [showroo]m. The public, too, seems to [have re]acted against the lack of novelty [at recen]t shows and attendances have [fallen s]teadily, though there was a [rise] last year.

[Exhib]itors did their best to whip up [interest] with all manner of gimmicks [from br]ass bands to girls taking off [their cl]othes, but what people wanted [was, I] suspect, was some genuinely [new car]s. The time when the Motor [Show w]as the launching pad for the [new m]odels seemed to have passed. [This] year it is different, thanks to [a hap]py coincidence that a host of [model]s, planned four and five years [ago, ha]ve come to fruition at more or [less the] same time. They help to make [it one] of the best displays seen at [Earls C]ourt for perhaps a decade.

[As we] all know, foreign makes have [been sel]ling better than ever in Britain [during] 1975, despite the general avail[ability] of the home product, but with [new] models like Ford's successful [Escort,] Leyland's striking Princess [(especial]ly the 18-22 Series) and the [new Vaux]or Vauxhall Chevette the posi[tion mi]ght have been even worse.

[These] cars have been familiar sights [on the] road for some months but I [wonder] whether many visitors to Earls [Court w]ill have seen the Rolls-Royce [Camarg]ue in, so to speak, the metal, [or the] more recently launched Jaguar [XJ-S. I]n both the styling provoked con[troversy], but now the ordinary motorist [can mak]e up his own mind. There were [differin]g views, too, about the looks of [Triump]h's new sports car, the TR7, [introdu]ced at the beginning of the [year bu]t so far sold only in the United [States.]

[Last] week British Leyland has [announc]ed substantial face-lifts for [th]e Marina and Allegro. The fit[ting of] anti-roll bars, front and back, [on the] Marina has transformed the [handlin]g and cornering, and I think [most d]rivers will applaud the new [car. T]he Allegro's extra space inside [is ce]rtainly impressive, but I am not [con]vinced, on the evidence of an [admitte]dly brief drive, that the engine [noise] and that notorious five-speed [gearbox] have been licked.

[The] main attractions on the Vaux[hall an]d Chrysler stands are cars built [on the] Continent. Although General [Motors] spent several years denying it, [there i]s now no doubt that the com[pany is] steadily integrating its British [(Vauxh]all) and German (Opel) opera[tions,] the former concentrating on [vans] and the Germans on cars. The [Chevett]e went part of the way, with [many] components from the Opel [Kadett,] but the new Cavalier is essenti[ally a] Manta/Ascona with a Vauxhall [badge] and front end styling; it is [even a]ssembled at the GM plant in [Antwer]p.

[The] Chrysler Alpine is slightly [differen]t in that it was designed in [France,] although—assembled at the [Ryton p]lant in France. When details [first e]merged of this attractive five[door f]ront-wheel drive saloon, the [general] assumption was that it would [replace] the aging and much less [successfu]d Hunter range. Not so, appar[ently. T]he Hunter's successor, at least [two ye]ars away, is to be a totally [differen]t car, though if the Alpine [proves] popular it could yet be assem[bled he]re.

The most striking new models at Earls Court may turn out to be the Lotus twosome: Esprit and Eclat. Like their big brother, the Elite, they are *very low and wide and cannot fail to* catch the eye. The Esprit is a mid-engined two-seater, which replaces the Europa; the Eclat a two-plus-two fastback version of the Elite. As for the Elite, there is a new version with automatic transmission, the first time Lotus has offered it.

Another small company set to make an impact at the show is Reliant. The Kitten is a little four-seater with extravagant fuel economy claims. It is similar in style and mechanical design to the three-wheel Robin but superior in most respects, notably performance (the engine has been uprated to *850cc), handling (that extra wheel),* noise and seat comfort. And it is economical: on a mixed run in and around London I averaged 48 miles to the gallon. But though it is quite well equipped, with carpets and cloth seats among the standard items, the £1,500 price tag may be too high.

Reliant's other model, the Scimitar GTE sports car-cum-estate, has been given a wider and longer body, with more room inside, a bigger fuel tank, and other improvements. It will cost £500 more than the present version when it goes on sale in January.

Foreign challengers

The most significant foreign model at the show, at least in terms of potential sales, is Volkswagen's first "mini", the 900cc Polo. Because production has concentrated on meeting demand for the bigger Golf, right-hand drive Polos will not be available until the new year. I was most impressed with the car's handling, ride, space and quietness when I drove it in the summer, and it must be a winner, provided the price is right.

Elsewhere in Germany, the Opel Ascona/Manta range has been revamped, giving more room inside, a bigger glass area and softer suspension, while BMW has replaced the small two-door 1602 range with the "3" Series. The cars follow the styling of the bigger "5" Series, are slightly bigger and mostly run on two-star fuel. The old body shape has been retained for just one model, the 1502, which sacrifices some performance and equipment for better fuel consumption and a lower selling price.

Apart from the Simca/Alpine, the important new French offerings are two large saloons sharing a 2.7 litre V6 engine which the companies jointly developed: the Peugeot 604 and the Renault 30TS. The cars are typical of their makers, the Peugeot conservatively styled with the engine driving the rear wheels, the Renault having front-wheel drive and the fashionable third door at the back. The 604 goes on sale on October 28 at prices from £4,600 to £5,242; the Renault follows in late November at just under £4,000.

Italy's chief new car, the Fiat 131, has been on sale for some months, but Earls Court does mark the British debut of the three-door Fiat 128 coupé, the Alfasud Estate and three attractive Lancia Beta derivatives, the mid-engined Monte Carlo sports car, the Spyder semi-convertible and the HPE, or high-performance estate. For dreamers and millionaires there is the latest Ferrari, the 308 GTB, with *styling by Pininfarina and a top speed of* 156 mph. It comes on the market in January at £11,992.

East European cars have aroused more attention here for their prices than their looks, so there should be plenty of interest in the Czechoslovak Tatra. It is a new version of the rear-engined V8 saloon designed by Giugiaro, the ubiquitous Italian who was also responsible for the Lotus Esprit. It has not yet been decided whether to sell the car in Britain.

The Japanese have been doing so well here this year that they have hardly needed new models. But Toyota is replacing its Corona Mark II with another two-litre, the 2000, which has the same engine but a more compact body. Colt, the newest challenger from the East, has a three door coupé, the Celeste, which is making its world debut at the show. It goes on sale here early next year in two versions, a 1600 at £2,199 and a two-litre at £2,499. Colt is also showing the GTO, a two-door fastback version of the Galant.

Memory lane

This year's show is the sixtieth in the series and there are three celebratory displays. The first, covering 5,000 sq ft of the main exhibition floor, features 19 cars that were landmarks in the history of motoring. The oldest is a single-cylinder Renault Voiturette, built in 1900, and the youngest a Mark I Ford Cortina. The others include a 1907 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, 1912 Ford Model T, 1922 Austin Seven, 1934 Hillman Minx and the 1938 prototype Volkswagen Beetle.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's National Motor Museum is providing a parallel display of vintage and veteran racing cars. The first floor stand will include the 1903 Napier, the oldest British racing car in existence, the Austin 750cc supercharged racer from 1936 and the 1968 Team Lotus Formula 1 car driven by Graham Hill. The third celebration stand will feature eight recent examples of exotic coachwork.

For the first time the bicycle industry is invading four-wheel territory, a reminder that cycles, unlike cars, are enjoying a boom. The British Cycling Bureau has been careful not to offend its hosts by suggesting that two wheels might be better than four, putting the emphasis instead on foldaway machines that go into the car boot. Even so, "no gallons to the mile" might be a better slogan than "make your car a six-wheeler".

To end on a practical note, the Metropolitan Police is offering advice on how to prevent cars from being stolen or vandalized. It could be advice worth taking because thefts of, and from, vehicles in London have increased by half in the past four years and now account for almost one in three of crimes known to the police.

Peter Waymark

[Bro]adcasting

[Goo]d show or one more prang? Erks and other bods come out to play as [televi]sion launches yet another comedy series about conscripts, this time in the [RAF] (ITV 8.30). There is, too, yet another new series from across the Atlantic [with] some private dicks (BBC1 9.35). The Mastermind quiz sorts out four more [con]stants (BBC1 8.30). The afternoon brings racing from Newmarket (ITV 3.0) [and f]or children and others an old Will Hay film (ITV 4.25). Take Two is a [late-n]ight chat show better than some (ITV 11.10). For certain fun catch The Two [Ronni]es if you missed them before (BBC1 7.45).—L.B.

[BBC 1]

...On the Move. 12.30, [Pebble Mill]... [Ove]r Byd. 12.55, News. [Pe]bble Mill. 1.45-2.02, ... 4.00, Play School. [Ja]bapapa. 4.30, Jack[anory]. [4.]45, Blue Peter. 5.10, [Ra]ven. 5.15, Salty. 5.40, [Wom]bles. [Ne]ws. 6.00, Nationwide. [To]morrow's World. [To]p of the Pops. [Th]e Two Ronnies. [Ma]stermind. [La]bour Party political [bro]adcast. [Ne]ws. ...m. Switch, with [Ro]bert Wagner, Eddie ...ert. ...night. [We]ather.

[Va]riations (BBC 1): [WA]LES.—12.30-12.55 pm, ... Closedown. 5.15-5.40, ... 6.00-6.45, Wales Today. 6.45-7.10, Heddiw. ...—12.30-12.55 pm, ... Closedown. 6.00-6.45, Scotland. Nationwide. ...ttish News Summary. [NORTHERN] IRELAND.—12.30- ... Transmitters Closedown. ... Scene Around Six. 11.20, Northern Ireland [New]s.

[HTV]

...mes. 1.20 pm, West. 1.25, Wales Headlines. ...es. 2.00, Women Only. ...es. 4.25, Lost in Space. ... 5.25, Crossroads. ... 6.01, Report West. ... Wales. 6.35, Mr and ... Special. 7.05, Thames. ... Eel Hunters. 11.15, ...ry Hull in Werewolf of ... 12.35 am, Weather. HTV [WA]LES.—As HTV except: ...m, Penawdau Newyd... 4.25-4.50, Bis ya y ... 5.20, King Kong. 6.01-... 6.35-7.00, Sports ... [HT]V WEST.—As HTV ...-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.35, Sport West.

[Border]

...nes. 1.20 pm, Border [News]. Thames. 2.00, Women [Only.] Thames. 4.25, Lassie. [Fan]tastic Voyage. 5.20, ... 5.50, News. 6.00, ... 6.35, Thames. 10.40, ...orators. 11.35, Seven ...sion. 12.05 am, Border [Ne]ws.

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...es. 1.20 pm, Calendar ... Thames. 4.25, The ... 4.50, The Partridge [Famil]y. [5.]20, Supersonic. 5.50, ... Calendar. 6.35, ATV. ...es. 10.40, Emmerdale ...-12.05 am, Seven Ages

[Grampi]an

...es. 1.20 pm, Grampian [Head]lines. 1.30, Thames. ...n Only. 2.30, Thames. ...al. 4.55, The Beach... [5.]20, Supersonic. 5.50, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 10.40, Sports... Play a Tune. 11.55, ...

BBC 2

7.05 am, Open University: The Importance of Parliament; 7.30-7.55, Just an Accident? 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.50 pm, Open University: Circles; 6.15, Education Technologique. 6.40, Avventura. 7.05, Open University: Partial Differential Equations.

7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Explorers: Mary Kingsley.
9.00 As BBC 1.
9.10 Morecambe and Wise Show.
9.55 Pro-Celebrity Golf: Great Britain v USA. Peter Oosterhuis and Ronnie Corbett v Tom Wieskopf and George Kirby.
10.45 Making Faces, by Michael Frayn, with Eleanor Bron, Tim Preece.
11.15 Film Night, with Candice Bergen.
11.40 News.
1.55-12.00, Robert Hardy reads Odysseus, by Miles Burrows.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The New Land. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Film. Desi Arnaz Jr in The Voyage of the Yes. 8.00, Thames. 10.45, Reports Action. 11.10, What the Papers Say. 11.30, Twilight Zone. 12.00-12.30 am, Oscar Peterson presents.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The Osmonds. 4.55, Castaway. 5.20, University Challenge. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Westward Report. 11.10, Sounding Brass. 11.40, Westward News. 11.43, West Country Job Finder. 11.48, Faith for Life.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The Lone Ranger. 4.50, The Partridge Family. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 11.10, The Northerners. 11.45, Epilogue.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.55, Fantastic Voyage. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Sammy. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Time Was... 11.10, Sounding Brass. 11.40, The Living Word.

Thames

12.00, Animal Kwackers. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Freeze. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, Racing from Newmarket. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Film: The Goose Steps Out, with Will Hay, Charles Hawtrey.

5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man.
8.00 This Week.
8.30 Get Some In! with Tony Selby, David Janson, Gerard Ryder, Robert Lindsay, Brian Pettifer.
9.00 Labour Party political broadcast.
9.10 The Stars Look Down.
10.10 News.
10.40 Orson Welles Great Mysteries.
11.10 Take Two.
12.10 am, What the Papers Say.
12.25 Why?

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, Lost in Space. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Look Up. 11.10-11.40, What's It All About?

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, Film. Captain Sinbad, with Guy Williams, Heidi Bruhl. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Space 1999. 8.00, Thames. 10.40-12.40 am, Film, The Sergeant, with Rod Steiger.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The New Land. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Film, Goodnight My Love, with Richard Boone. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Your Men at Westminster. 11.10, Movin' On. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The Flintstones. 4.50, Rainbow Country. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, The Adventurer. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, The Seven Ages of Fashion. 11.10, Late Call. 11.15-11.45, Dilemma, with David Rudkin.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmunds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, D.L.T. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.02, As Radio 2. 11.00, John Peel (S) (also on VHF) 12.00-12.5 am, As Radio 2.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Don Durbridge. 1,500m only. 12.00-12.05, News. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Games People Play. 7.30, Folk 75.† 8.02, Folkweave.† 9.02, David Allan's Country Club.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.5 am, News.
† Stereo.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Parry.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Corelli, Vieuxtemps, Mozart.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Bartok.† 9.55, Aeolian String Quartet: Part 1. Haydn, Mozart.† 10.55, Reading. 11.00, Concert: Part 2. Beethoven.† 11.55, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Stravinsky, Martin, Haydn.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Manchester Midday Concert: Liszt, Bartok, Liszt. 2.00, Die Entführung Aus Dem Serail, opera by Mozart: Act 1.† 2.45, Words ... Kenneth Tynan. 2.50, Die Entführung: Act 2.† 3.50, Reading. 3.55, Die Entführung: Act 3.† 4.40, Chamber Music: Stockhausen, David Bedford, George Crumb.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Foreign Correspondent. 6.50, Hawks and Doves. 7.30, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Part 1. Bernstein, Ives, Gershwin.† 8.05, The Living Novelist: Malcolm Bradbury. 8.25, Concert: Part 2. Gershwin, Copland.† 9.00, Robert Graves at 80. 9.40, Concert from St. John's, Smith Square: Beethoven, Brahms.† 10.40, No Other Name: Is a cosmology really necessary? 11.10, Purcell Anthems.† 11.25-11.30, News.

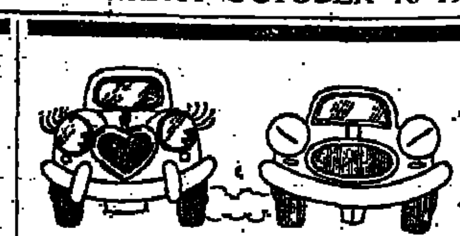
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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Problems! 11.50, Make 'Em Laugh: Roy Hudd. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Word! 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Narrow Door. 3.50, Jack De Manio. 4.35, Woman in the Mirror. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Just a Minute. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Any Answers? 8.00, The Camp of the Dog, dramatized story of the supernatural. 8.45, Analysis. Housing. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Leave it to Psmith. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

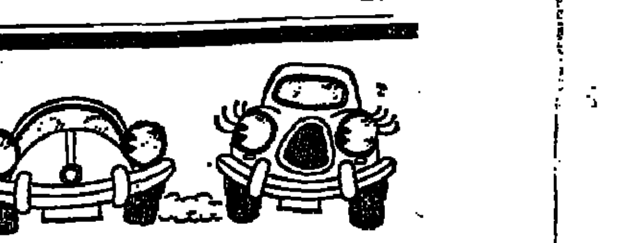
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Clash of Lords and Commons delays new session of Parliament

By Our Political Correspondent

Making allowance for the time that will be taken up by the clash between the House of Lords and the Commons on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill and the Community Land Bill, the Government has fixed November 19 as the date for the opening of the next session of Parliament.

The choice of a Wednesday is unusual, but that is necessary because of the Queen's duties in connexion with the state visit that week of President Nyerere of Tanzania.

The Opposition made plain yesterday that Mrs Thatcher and the Shadow Cabinet will put their full weight behind Lord Goodman's amendment to the Trade Union Bill, which seeks to give legal backing to the freedom of the press. It is expected that next week the Lords will send the Bill back to the Commons with Lord Goodman's proposals reinstated.

Opposition to the Land Bill in the Lords will be strenuous during a committee stage which is to last five days, ending on October 28. Lady Young, who is principal opposition frontbench spokesman on the Bill, said yesterday that the Conservative peers intended to do their duty, in the revising Chamber, of proposing amendments that would cover important constitutional issues, designed to protect the individual against the state.

One of the most important amendments, she said, would be about the rights of owner occupiers to appear at public inquiries when their property was likely to be affected by development or structural plans, and would seek to make legal aid available to them. Under the Bill, although the Government claimed that it had made a concession on compulsory purchase procedure, the right of appeal was not to be allowed where there had previously been an inquiry into the planning of an area.

"This will deny an inquiry on the ground that the owner could have appealed at a previous inquiry, held before the Bill was even conceived, let alone published", she said.

Other amendments would be tabled to protect the interests of the churches and charities, which were still not satisfied by the Government's attitude. After all the argument in the Commons the Government had made only minor concessions, and all the professional interests involved in housebuilding, pension funds and agriculture were still opposed to its powers of intervention.

At the end of the Lords proceedings the Bill will have to be returned to the Commons, and a battle similar to that over the Trade Union Bill might develop between the two Houses, because the Tories in the Lords have the voting strength to carry their amendments.

Thus the Government's hopes of having the opening of the new Parliament on November 4 have been dashed, and the Commons will have to wait on the Lords. To fill the time, the Government is able to meet requests for a number of debates on general topics. They will include the crisis in the National Health Service, foreign affairs, and Westminster's arrangements for the handling of EEC legislation.

The Government's timetable on the publication of the White Paper setting our the proposals for devolving powers to the new assemblies in Scotland and Wales also seems to have changed slightly. Mr Short, Lord President of the Council, said he could not give a definite date but it would be a few days before or after the opening of the new session. The Bill on the subject will be published early next year.

A debate on the economic situation is also being demanded by the Opposition. This will probably centre on a government statement on the new borrowings necessary to finance public expenditure. Mrs Thatcher got a straight answer from Mr Wilson when she asked how the deficit was going to be financed in the current year: from higher taxation or borrowing? It would be covered by borrowing, Mr Wilson said, and there would be no extra Budget this year. This year's stated level of public expenditure would not be cut.

The conditions on which the money is borrowed will be the subject of opposition questions, and Labour backbenchers will also take an interest. The Opposition expects that if the loan is to come from the IMF a "letter of intent" will have to be sent by the Treasury giving undertakings about government action to cut public expenditure and control inflation. Conservativest believe that although Mr Wilverely son virtually undertook there would be no taxa changes that would requi Finance Bill, action cou taken to increase valu tax from 8 to 10 per use of "the regulator ster

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Press freedom: Mr Frank Owens, president of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, in a statement yesterday said: "The majority of the Committee decided to do is to ... the freedom of the press, ... is inseparable from free ... in order to strengthen ... the might of trade unionism.

It provides no protection against one small monopoly trade union acquiring the power to decide who may or may not work and write for the press and what may or may not be published.

A totally unenforceable voluntary code that could be disregarded with impunity offers no safeguard against abuse of this power, especially with the moral climate in which many of these matters are conducted today.

It is to be hoped that when this Bill returns to the Lords the peers of today will be as robust and brave in defence of freedom as were their predecessors at Runnymede. If there is to be a clash between the Lords and Commons, there could be no worthier issue than this: the right of free people to say publicly in their newspapers what they wish to say and think, and to have unrestricted access to the thoughts, opinions and information that others have to impart.

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Eire rejects 'any deal' on Herrema kidnapping

From Christopher Walker, Dublin

Mr Cosgrave, the Irish ... Minister, last night reiterated beyond doubt that his government will make no deal with the kidnappers of Dr Herrema, the Dutch industrialist, seized as hostage for republican prisoners a ... night ago.

Mr Cosgrave was speaking on his return to Dublin from ... after attending the canonization of the latest Irish saint, ... Plunket. At an airport ... conference he delivered the firmest message yet to the kidnappers who are still demanding the release of Miss ... Dugdale and two leading ... sional IRA men in exchange for Dr Herrema's life.

He said: "It should be ... clear to them that the ... this man is in their hands, ... can expect no compromise or change whatsoever in the government's attitude. Our attitude is clear, specific and definite. It has been our attitude, ... our attitude and it will be ... attitude."

Mr Cosgrave, who ... already earned a reputation for his strong line on law and order, made clear that the government would make no ... sessions to secure the release of Dr Herrema, who is still being sought by a large force of ... policemen and soldiers.

"Our interest in this ... is naturally to ensure the safe return of Dr Herrema but ... so far as a compromise is concerned there has been and will be no compromise on ... lines."

The Prime Minister's statement was taken as the Government's final rejection of the kidnappers' repeated and changed original demand for the release of the prisoners.

Mr Cosgrave rejected suggestions that there had been criticism from the Irish authorities concerning the Irish Government's inflexible attitude. He added that during his absence he had been in daily contact with his Cabinet.

He praised the response of the Irish public to the attempts to try to track down the kidnappers. "I think they realize that this is an attack on the Irish people, on their livelihoods, on their jobs and on the good name of the state."

Mr Cosgrave will preside over a meeting of the Irish Cabinet later today when the latest state of the hunt will be reviewed.

Hints of fresh moves to recover Dr Herrema came from Mr Harold O'Sullivan, general secretary of the large Irish Local Government and Public Services Union, whose deputy Mr Philip Flynn, is the central mediator between the kidnappers and Ferenka Steel, Dr Herrema's employers.

A statement from the union's Dublin headquarters yesterday said: "A situation has now been reached where Mr Flynn's intervention is nearly at an end."

Later it became apparent that the threatened withdrawal of Mr Flynn was an attempt to force the kidnappers to carry out worthwhile negotiations rather than contact.

Meanwhile there are growing indications that the kidnapping and the Provisional IRA leadership's decision to disown those responsible has led to much dissension inside the organization.

Places for students to be cut by 15,000

By Our Education Correspondent

The Government is expected soon to announce a further reduction in the number of places for full-time students in higher education in 1981.

The target of 640,000 students is likely to be cut to 625,000 because of the Department of Education and Science's latest estimates of demand.

The new figure has been mentioned by Lord Crowther-Hunt, Minister of State for Education and Science, in an interview to be published next Friday by *The Times Higher Education Supplement*.

The original target for 1981 set in the Conservative Government's White Paper of 1972 was 750,000.

The National Union of Students said last night: "We deplore this. Any further cuts will reduce the opportunity of students to continue their education after school."

Teachers back union merger

Members of the Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions yesterday voted to merge with the Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education.

The new organization, the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, will be formed early next year and have a membership of about 61,000. The ATCDE voted by a huge majority for the merger in July.

Sir Richard Boughey

Sir Richard Boughey, aged 50, the tenth baronet, was granted a decree nisi by Judge Pickering in London yesterday because he and Lady Boughey have lived apart for more than two years.

Jail for hoax call

John Gillespie, aged 34, of Walworth, London, was jailed for nine months at Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court yesterday for making a hoax bomb call to Scotland Yard.

Big slump in demand forces older power stations to close

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Power-supply union leaders and the Electricity Council reached agreement yesterday on an extended closure programme that will take nearly 6 per cent of the industry's generating capacity out of commission through the closure or part closure of 47 power stations, mostly coal-fired, during the next 18 months.

The run-down, which will affect the employment of nearly five thousand men, comes after an alarming slump in the demand for electricity, which is running at about a tenth less than at the same time last year.

The Electricity Council blames the success of the Government's "Save it" energy-conservation campaign, consumer response to higher prices, and reduced industrial activity caused by the economic recession for the fall in demand.

Because of tumbling consumer requirements, 23 power stations will be closed by next October, and five more by March, 1977. Most of them are using coal-fired generating plant more than thirty years old and they are concentrated in the Midlands, the North-east, and the North-west. The closures will save the industry about £15m a year.

Mr Frank Chapple, the electricians' leader and chairman of the trade union side in the industry, said the unions were unhappy about the closures, but added: "Faced with the logic and the details provided by the Central Electricity Generating Board, the consequences were absolutely inescapable."

In a joint statement issued after the talks, the employers and the unions said there would be no compulsory redundancies among the 4,952 staff involved in the cuts. Even though power stations will close, the men will be kept on for at least a year if alternative work is not available and they do not choose voluntary redundancy.

The two sides met to "consider new problems facing the industry in a period of high-energy costs", and agreed that falling demand meant that older stations with relatively high working costs were no longer required.

Sir Peter Menzies, chairman of the Electricity Council, said afterwards that price increases, which came after a wage settlement involving rises of almost a third earlier this year, had prompted consumers to use electricity "more wisely and less extravagantly".

Traditionally, electricity generation had been thought a growth industry, but one of the three factors contributing to declining consumption in recent years industry had "lost" Hawkins, growth. Mr Arth generating chairman of the was still board, said dered no sign of dropping and st "bottoming-ou

In the fi phase of the closure pro gramme, 41 stations with a ge g capacity of and employing 2,884 meg involved. Those 4,095 me ed completely by due to year are: October: Brimsdown B, Hackney, Northampton, Wolverton, Worcester. North-east: Blaydon, Darlington, Ferrybridge B, Jarrow, Scalcoates, Sunderland, Stuart Street, Trafford. Those to be partly closed next year are: South-east: Fulham. South-west: Carmarthen, Uskmouth A. Midlands: Ironbridge A, Nottingham, Spondon A, Stourport A. North-east: Blackburn, Meadows, Dunston B, Huddersfield, Kirkstall, Rotherham, Skelton Grange A, Thornhill. North-west: Carlisle, Clarence Dock, Hartshead, Kearsley.

Under the second phase, involving 535MW capacity and 857 staff, four stations will be closed in the South-west, at Earley, Hayle, Llynfi, and Portsmouth. In the North-west, Bolton will close and there will be two part closures at Ocker Hill, in the Midlands, and further part closure at Rotherham.

The present scaling-down of output may not be the end of the story. A total of 3,419MW is being decommissioned, but the generating board and the unions are to keep the level of demand under continuous review.

Based on present trends, the industry would be justified in taking out 9,000MW capacity, but that figure was trimmed back to a limit of 6,000MW because of the social implications of such a large run-down.

Most of the present crop of closures, 39 out of 47, are coal-fired generating units which mostly use old-fashioned fuel methods.

The generating board says the industry's coal consumption will not be affected by the closures, but the falling level of consumption is likely to affect the board's purchasing of all fuels.

Mr Mellish tells MPs to keep in line

By Our Political Staff

Mr Mellish, Government Chief Whip, cracked the whip of party discipline in the Parliamentary Labour Party when he spoke in his constituency at Bermondsey last night. He demanded loyalty from every Labour MP "during the difficult 18 months ahead".

Over the years, he said, he had run the PLP on a loose rein, some would argue too loose a rein, but the time had come to make it clear to colleagues that they were expected to support policies approved overwhelmingly by the TUC and the party conference.

"I suspect the movement will deal severely with those who set out deliberately and maliciously to rock the boat."

The path ahead would be long, hard and painful. "It will not be any easier if my orchestra of 300 fine, independently minded musicians is unable to agree which tune it is playing. I give fair warning: I shall not stand idly by if a couple of dozen violinists try to insert a Sousa march into the Christmas carols."

Guidance on maintenance to separated wives

By a Staff Reporter

Separated wives who are receiving supplementary benefits should not be encouraged to bring maintenance proceedings against their husbands, the Lord Chancellor's Legal Aid Advisory committee says in the reports, published yesterday, is concerned lest legal aid should be granted in circumstances in which there is no benefit to the wife in bringing such proceedings because she cannot expect to obtain more than what she already receives in supplementary benefits.

It welcomes the recent change in the policy of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, by which the decision whether to take proceedings against the husband is left entirely to the wife, without any encouragement from the commission.

The Law Society says no legal aid would be granted to an applicant if there was reason to believe that she was applying under any pressure, or against her own best interests.

A wife would not wish to exchange a regular payment for an order against a husband who could not be relied on to maintain his payments. Nor would it be an advantage to obtain an order for no more than what she was already receiving by way of benefits.

The reports show that while there was a one-tenth increase in the number of all types of legal aid cases in the year ended March 1975, the net cost of the scheme increased by ... compared with the ... and advice schemes cost £19.6m and criminal legal aid in magistrates' courts cost £9.2m.

The advisory committee expresses disappointment that the provisions of the original Legal Aid and Advice Act, 1949, have still not been fully implemented. It says the legal rights of many people continue to go by default, and that many are unaware of their rights. There continues to be a severe overall shortage of solicitors, and expert advice and assistance are urgently needed in considerable areas of the law, notably those relating to housing, tenancy, and welfare benefits.

It was apparent that private practice could not provide all that was needed.

The advisory committee recommends an extension of legal aid to cover defamation and election petitions where lack of aid might prejudice an individual.



... campaign to reduce the number of child pedestrian casualties on the roads will use this motif. The campaign, which will cost nearly £600,000, was launched yesterday by Mr Carmichael, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment.

A leaflet has been produced giving parents advice on how to introduce their children to the Green Cross Code on road safety for children. Mr Carmichael said the number of children killed on the roads last year, 505, was the lowest since 1959; he thought that earlier publicity campaigns had been partly responsible.

East Germans call off Kirk visit

An official visit by a Church of Scotland delegation to the German Democratic Republic, which was due to start tomorrow, was called off last night.

A telephone call from Dr Reinhold Pietz, president of the republic's Evangelical Church, to Edinburgh, indicated that "changed internal political circumstances regrettably forced the last-minute cancellation".

Royal commission on NHS takes doctors by surprise

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with what is proposed. But they believe that the effects of reorganization, as well as the finances of the service, need to be examined.

When the proposal is debated in the Commons on an Opposition day, Conservatives will argue that most of the present difficulties in the service have been brought about by the actions of Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and in particular by her attitude to the doctors and pay beds.

Cool reception: The announcement that there is to be a royal commission into the National Health Service got a cool reception from doctors' leaders last night (our Medical Reporter writes). Although the profession has been pressing for the past 15 months for an independent inquiry it was felt that it would do little to overcome the main issue of the threat to independence arising from the Government's proposals on the separation of private practice from the NHS.

Dr Derek Stevenson secretary of the BMA, said it was of great importance that the inquiry should cover all the issues causing so much concern to the profession and the public.

He said: "I get the impression that there is a great deal of doubt as to whether the royal commission will include the whole question of the independence of the profession and freedom of choice.

"We shall have to tell the Government that one of the matters causing great concern to all doctors appears to have been excluded from this inquiry".

When he was asked if there would be discussions with Mrs Castle, as she has suggested, on her proposals to separate private practice from the NHS, Dr Stevenson said they had been about to repeat their demand for ... yesterday.

Talks fail: The junior hospital doctors' dispute seems likely to worsen after talks with Mrs Castle yesterday had failed to find even a hint of a solution. There is to be a ballot of all junior doctors on what action, including possible industrial action, should be taken.

Although they had been told earlier that the department's views on their request for a reexamination of their new contract would be sent in time for their meeting at BMA House yesterday the meeting began with no word from the department.

Later the committee of junior doctors was invited by telephone to see Mrs Castle at the Commons. She made it clear that the government had decided that to accede to their requests would break the counter-inflation policy. Three options were given to them:

1. To continue with their old contract; 2. To accept the new contract without a "no-detriment" clause; and 3, postpone the new contract until next April, when it might be possible for the review body to introduce a no-detriment clause.

In the ballot junior doctors will be asked whether they are prepared to take industrial action

Soviet trawler freed after infringing limit

From Our Correspondent, Plymouth

A Soviet trawler was held for more than six hours in Plymouth yesterday on a technical infringement of fishing rights. The captain of the vessel, the DF Urmanoa, was handed an official letter of caution by an official of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food who boarded the trawler when she was brought into Plymouth Sound under naval escort.

The trawler was boarded just before 6 am off the Eddystone lighthouse, well within the 12-mile limit, by a party from HMS Shavington, which was on routine fishery protection duty. The Russians anchored while talks took place.

They lasted for about three hours. A ministry spokesman said that the Russians had not been fishing, or preparing to fish, within the 12-mile limit. They had committed a technical infringement for which they had been officially cautioned. Soviet ships have been cautioned on several previous occasions.

Soviet vessels have been operating off the West Country coast for some months.

Universities' enemies

A trenchant new series on the university and its enemies by Paul Johnson, the historian and political commentator, starts today in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*. There are articles on architecture in Oxford and Cambridge and Welsh universities and devolution.

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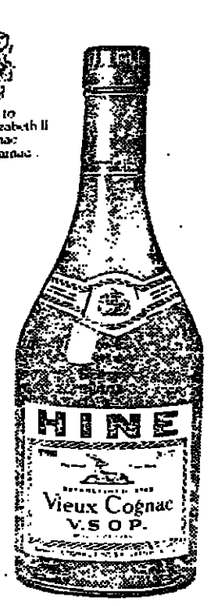
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Busmen's union seeks state aid to cover £6 rise

By Our Labour Editor

The Transport and General Workers' Union is to ask the Government for financial aid to help to pay for a £6 a week wage increase conceded yesterday to 21,000 busmen employed by smaller municipal authorities.

The employers have agreed to support the union in pleading with the Government to reverse its policy of phasing out subsidies for state enterprises, which union officials fear might almost halve the number of jobs in the industry.

Mr Larry Smith, national bus officer of the union, said yesterday: "As the union sees it, some 10,000 jobs are at stake as the result of economies the employers will want to make because of the claim and other escalating costs. The Government have cut the grant system back and intend to phase it out. Our own view is that something like £200m is needed or some services will be affected and the public will suffer."

The subsidy of £123m given in 1974 was reduced this year to £91m, he added, and the smaller municipal authorities had agreed to make a joint approach with the union to the Chancellor asking for the policy trend to be reversed.

Five men face charges of explosion plot

Two more men appeared at Liverpool City Magistrates' Court yesterday when Sean Kinsella, aged 28, Brendan Dowd, aged 27, and Stephen Nordone, aged 19, were further remanded in custody for a week charged with the attempted murders of three police officers in July.

They were accused with Paul Norney, aged 17, and Noel Gibson, aged 22, of Brighton Grove, Rusholme, Manchester, of conspiring to cause explosions.

Mr Norney and Mr Gibson were also charged with the attempted murders of two police officers and three Pakistanis on July 1 and with having firearms and ammunition. Both were remanded in custody for a week.

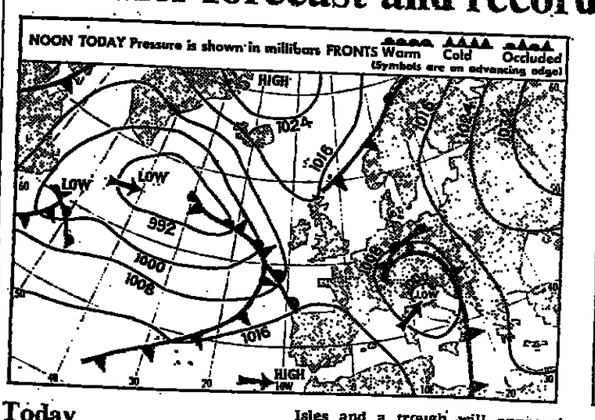
Support growing for Dr Coggan's appeal to nation

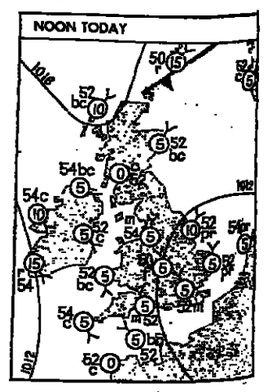
Letters of support all over Britain have been arriving at Lambeth Palace in response to the appeal by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, on Wednesday for a new sense of moral purpose.

Mr Peter Burns, the general secretary of War on Want, said yesterday that the campaign on the dangers of selfish materialism should also be addressed to the Government and the arms industry. He was speaking at a press conference to launch a pamphlet, *Poverty and the Arms Trade*.

A Church Information Office representative said Dr Coggan, who will appear on radio and television over the weekend, was delighted with the response from the press and broadcasts.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.27 am Sun sets: 6.5 pm
Moon sets: 4.36 am Moon rises: 4.45 pm
Full Moon: October 20.
Lighting up: 6.35 pm to 6.59 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.46 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 1.4 pm, 6.8m (22.3ft). Avonmouth, 6.20 am, 11.4m (37.5ft); 6.43 pm, 11.9m (39.2ft). Dover, 10.15 am, 5.9m (19.5ft); 10.43 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Hull, 4.56 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 5.33 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Liverpool, 10.37 am, 8.3m (27.2ft); 10.47 pm, 8.6m (28.2ft).

A belt of high pressure will move slowly E over the British Isles and a trough will approach SW districts later.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, E, SE England, East Anglia: Sunny spells after fog patches at first; isolated showers in places; wind N, light; max temp 13°C (55°F).

NW, central S, central N England, Midlands, Lake District: Mostly dry, sunny spells, fog in places at first, wind N becoming variable, light; max temp 12°C

Channel Isles: Isolated showers at first but sunny spells; wind NW becoming variable, light; max temp 12°C (54°F).

SW England, S Wales: Isolated showers near coasts at first but mostly dry with sunny spells after fog patches early; wind variable, becoming SE, light; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Mainly dry, sunny periods, overnight fog patches and local frost, becoming cloudier in SW perhaps with rain; temp rather below normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover; Wind NE light or moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 12°C (54°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 77 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.04in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,008.7 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle, f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	f	29	66	Copenhgn	f	11	52	Lisbon	f	18	64
Amsterdm	r	13	55	Dublin	r	12	54	Locarno	r	17	63
Athens	s	33	73	Edinburgh	r	11	52	London	r	13	55
Barcelona	s	30	86	Florence	c	16	61	Luxemburg	r	13	55
Belfast	s	19	66	Funchal	c	21	70	Madrid	r	15	59
Belgrade	s	25	77	Geneva	r	13	55	Majorca	r	19	66
Berlin	s	14	57	Gibraltar	s	20	68	Malaga	s	27	81
Bermuda	s	27	81	Guernsey	c	16	59	Malta	th	21	70
Biarritz	c	21	70	Helsinki	r	9	48	Miami	c	29	84
Birmingham	c	7	45	Innsbruck	r	11	52	Moscow	r	8	46
Brussels	r	15	59	Istanbul	r	21	70	Munich	r	13	55
Budapest	c	14	57	Jersey	c	11	52	Naples	c	17	63
Cologne	c	16	61	L Palmas	f	18	64	New York	c	22	72
Nice	r	18	64
Nicosia	s	34	93
Oslo	d	9	48
Paris	r	15	59
Reykjavik	c	10	50
Rome	s	29	84
Stockholm	r	11	52
Tel Aviv	s	32	90
Toronto	c	19	66
Venice	r	18	64
Vienna	c	13	55
Warsaw	c	13	55
Zurich	r	11	52

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 35; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, DKr 3.75; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.50; Germany, Dmk 0.80; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 30; Malta, 5c; Norway, Kr 4.40; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, Scr 1.30; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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